
From: McHaffie Malcolm
Sent: 11 October 2013 16:43
To: Reeve Hilary
Subject: FW: Charles Farthing (Gosport War Memorial Hospital)

From: SCandCTVRRandcomplaints
Sent: 23 September 2013 10:47
To: Close Paul
Cc: Walsh Sally; McHaffie Malcolm; **Code A**
Subject: FW: Charles Farthing (Gosport War Memorial Hospital)

Dear Paul

Please see email below from Enquiries. I can see from CMS that there was a case registered in the name of Jane Barton, which wasn't proceeded with, but there is no case specific information on the record. There is also an appeal case with no case specific information, which was abandoned before appeal, which seems a bit odd if the CPS didn't proceed with a prosecution in the first place.

I have attached a press article from August this year which talks about the Baker report:
<http://www.portsmouth.co.uk/news/health/local-health/son-finds-report-into-gosport-war-memorial-hospital-deaths-damning-1-5351889>

Can you please let me know what the current situation is with this matter and please provide a suitable response which I can then supply to Mr Farthing.

Many thanks

Code A | Complaints Co-ordinator
Special Crime and Counter Terrorism Division | Crown Prosecution Service
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From: Enquiries
Sent: 20 September 2013 13:43
To: SCandCTVRRandcomplaints
Subject: FW: Charles Farthing (Gosport War Memorial Hospital)

From: Enquiries
Sent: 20 September 2013 13:38
To: **Code A**
Subject: FW: Charles Farthing (Gosport War Memorial Hospital)

Dear **Code A**

Hope all is well at Serious Crime. Regarding Mr Farthing's feedback below (bottom email), is Gosport War Memorial a case that SC&CTD has been dealing with? If not, do you have an idea which part of HQ it belongs to?

Many thanks,

Code A

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From: **Code A**
Sent: 19 September 2013 14:52
To: **Code A**
Cc:
Subject: FW: Charles Farthing (Gosport War Memorial Hospital)

Dear **Code A**

This case was not dealt with by us. HQ dealt with the case so doesn't this therefore need to go back to you?

Code A

Public Enquiry Co-ordinator

CPS Wessex -Area Operations Centre

Code A



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From: Enquiries
Sent: 18 September 2013 15:14
To: WessexVRRandcomplaints
Subject: Charles Farthing (Gosport War Memorial Hospital)

Dear CPS Wessex,

Please see the correspondence below from Mr Charles Farthing for your attention. It has not been acknowledged.

Many thanks,

Code A

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From: Charles Farthing [Code A]
Sent: 18 September 2013 14:49
To: Enquiries
Subject: Gosport War Memorial Hospital

Your records will indicate the CPS's failure to prosecute Dr. (now Ms.) Jane Barton and others for their activities at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital from as early as 1988, despite several warning signs enroute. Not least were the whistle-blowing nurses in 1991 and then, towards the end of the decade, the many police complaints started by Gillian McKenzie and myself in September/October 1998.

My step-father, Arthur Denis Brian Cunningham was one of Barton's many victims when his life was uncerimoniously terminated under her 'care' in 1998 due to being administered excessive and unnecessary drugs using a syringe-driver.

After several aborted attempts, the police eventually investigated this doctor and her staff, but the case failed when it got to the CPS. The person dealing with this case at the CPS was Paul Close, and he conducted an interview with some of the families concerned to say there was insufficient evidence to prosecute. He did, however, indicate that the case would be reopened upon the presentation of new evidence.

There was also a GMC investigation that found this doctor guilty of multiple charges of professional misconduct, but failed to strike her off their register, although she later resigned. Earlier still, there was an enquiry into the Gosport deaths by Professor R. Baker whose report was suppressed by government; this is the same person who did a similar study following Shipman's conviction.

After much pressure from families and prevarication by government, the Baker Report was finally released last month, and without surprise to anyone, completely confirms the suspicions of families that irregular activities had taken place at that hospital.

I would like to know, please, if the CPS has any intention of revisiting this case in light of the new evidence, and also look again at what information was or (more to the point) was not passed by the police prior to Mr Close's decision.

Kind regards,

Charles Stewart-Farthing