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Hello [Code A]

The above have gone through Gaon already

The original feedback comment is as follows, I would intend to reply by email with an attached letter when this is all approved

You should be aware

- 1 there was an adverse FOI finding in September relating to another victim family.
- 2 According to the Independent there is an imminent announcement about a public inquiry (I cant read the Portsmouth News article about this)
- 3 Professor Baker also investigated one of the deaths, that of a Mr Wilson though I have no access to his report.

I can see no obvious reason why the Baker Review was embargoed so long.

I attach a copy in case you need to consider this and for the sake of completeness

FYI no reply at all has apparently been sent to Mr Stewart-Farthing. If this is likely to take a while I can send out something bland just to acknowledge but I was hoping to send out a reply fairly swiftly

Thanks
Hilary

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 governement, 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,

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