
From: Walsh Sally
Sent: 11 May 2015 12:59
To: Harrold Karen; McHaffie Malcolm; Reeve Hilary; **Code A** (Rose Court HQ)
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Request Ref: 5275

Dear all,

Whilst this case was originally dealt with in SCD (Paul Close) since he has retired there is now little knowledge of this case within the team. Hilary's involvement was on a restricted basis, namely to consider whether a particular report (the Baker report) was considered in SCD and whether if it wasn't, whether it would change the conclusions reached by Paul. Hilary's conclusion was that it wouldn't have. Our institutional knowledge is therefore limited to that.

I have no reason to believe that the FOI response is incorrect. Additionally, we can't disclose what we don't have.

Regards

Sally

From: Harrold Karen
Sent: 11 May 2015 12:25
To: McHaffie Malcolm; Walsh Sally; Reeve Hilary; **Code A** (Rose Court HQ)
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Andrew

I'm afraid I am not in a position to help you as I have no knowledge whatsoever of the case against Dr Barton. It was handled by Special Crime Division. My role is purely a liaison one with the Gosport War Memorial Panel so I need to know what is coming in as this correspondence will no doubt form part of the papers we have to consider disclosing to the Panel. It doesn't mean that all papers will be disclosed though for obvious reasons.

I have therefore copied your message and the attachments to Malcolm and Sally in SCD as well as Hilary as I believe she had some dealings with a later review of the case against Dr Barton.

Sadly apparently all the original case papers have been destroyed and the Panel are asking for an explanation regarding how and why this happened. This is currently in train.

Thanks

Karen

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From: Freedom of Information Unit
Sent: 11 May 2015 12:08
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Dear Karen,

We have received the attached FOI request for information regarding Gosport War Memorial Hospital (GWMH) and Doctor Jane Barton. The request comes from a family member of one of the deceased; we previously received a similar request from the same individual in 2012. I have drafted our response using the same exemptions and public interest factors from the 2012 response as they are still relevant now. The requester complained to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) about our use of those exemptions in 2012; the ICO agreed that we applied the exemptions correctly.

I'm aware that there is now an independent panel into GWMH and that you have been liaising with the panel. Could you please let me know if you have any concerns with our draft response? I would be very grateful if you could reply with your views by 18:00 today, if at all possible. I apologise for the short notice.

Many thanks,

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