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The Crown Prosecution Service
Rose Court
2 Southwark Bridge
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Arthur Denis Brian Cunningham **Code A**

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.

Mr Cunningham, my step-father, was one of Barton's many victims when his life was unceremoniously 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.

A subsequent GMC investigation found this doctor guilty of multiple charges of professional misconduct, but failed to strike her off their register, although she later resigned. Prior to this, there were enquiries by CHI and Professor Richard Baker, the same person who did a similar study following Shipman's conviction, into the Gosport deaths but the Baker report was suppressed by government.

After much pressure from families and prevarication by government, the Baker Report was finally released in August this year, and without surprise to anyone, completely confirms the suspicions and assertions of the 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 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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Charles Stewart-Farthing