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## Feedback

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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, Charles Stewart-Farthing

Feedback Type Campaign? Action taken? Actions completed? 

Feedback/Contact Notes

**Code A** 06/10/2014 at 11:06

Email exchange between  (Records) and MM.  will pass onto Karen Harrold, who is leading on the CPS' response to the Gosport Independent Panel.

**Code A** 24/10/2013 at 16:55

23/10/2013 Further correspondence dated 18/10/2013 received from Mr


Stewart-Farthing, this is almost identical to Mr Stewart-Farthing's original email. Hilary has already sent a full response, which most have crossed with his latest letter, therefore we havent responded to this letter.

**Code A** - 21/10/2013 at 15:09

On 18 September 2013, Negative Feedback was received in the ENQUIRIES mailbox from Mr Stewart-Farthing in relation to what he referred to as Gosport War Memorial Hospital. This was initially sent to CPS Wessex who informed Enquiries that it was a HQ case, the email was then forwarded to SC&CTD ON 20/09/2013. On 23/09/2013, this was then forwarded to Paul Close (the lawyer mentioned in Mr Stewart-Farthing's email) for advice on how to respond. There then followed a series of emails, trying to establish whether or not the 'Baker Review' had been considered by the CPS when making there decision that there was not enough evidence to prosecute Dr Jane Barton. There was no acknowledgement or response sent whilst this was investigated. The papers were called back from storage and Hilary Reeve, Specialist Prosecutor was asked to assess the material in order to respond. It also emerged that the FOI unit had responded in relation to Gosport War Memorial Hospital (different correspondent) and further information was sought from them about this (email attached). Hilary then prepared a background note and proposed response to Mr Stewart-Farthing for Malcolm MacHaffie's approval (18/10/13. On 18/10/13 at 20.54pm, Mr Stewart-Farthing again emailed the Enquiries Mailbox asking when he was likely to receive a reply to his enquiry. This was forwarded to SC&CTD on Monday 21/10/2013. A response to Mr Stewart-Farthing was approved by Malcolm MacHaffie and sent to Mr Stewart-Farthing on Monday 21 October 2013 by Hilary Reeve.

#### Related Documents

Email from **Code A** to MM and Hilary Reeve - 3.10.14

 [F6907 - Email from \*\*Code A\*\* to MM and Hilary Reeve - 3.10.14.msg](#)


Created by **Code A** on 06/10/2014 at 11:05

Email from MM to **Code A** 2.10.14

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Emails between **Code A** and **Code A** 24.10.13

 [F6907 - Email trail with \*\*Code A\*\* 24.10.13.msg](#)

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Further correspondence rec from Mr Stewart-Farthing dated 18.10.13

 [F6907 - Further correspondence rec from Mr Stewart-Farthing dated 18.10.13.pdf](#)

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Email from Malcolm MacHaffie to **Code A** 26.9.13

 [F6907 - Email from Malcolm MacHaffie to \*\*Code A\*\* 26.09.13.msg](#)


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Email trail from 18-27 September 2013

 [F6907 - Email trail from 18 - 27 September 2013.msg](#)

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Email from **Code A** to Hilary Reeve - 15.10.13

 [F6907 - Email from \*\*Code A\*\* to Hilary Reeve - 15.10.13.msg](#)

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Email from Hilary Reeve to Malcolm MacHaffie with attachments - 18.10.13

 [F6907 - Email from Hilary Reeve to Malcolm MacHaffie - with attachments - 18.10.13.msg](#)

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Email from FOI Unit - 16.10.13

 [F6907 - Email from FOI Unit - 16.10.13.msg](#)

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Original email from Mr Stewart-Farthing to CPS Enquires - 18.09.13

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2nd Response to Mr Stewart-Farthing from Hilary Reeve - 21.10.13

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or substantially alter the charge.

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