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Dear Mr Bedford

CHI Investigation at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital

You may be aware from colleagues locally and the local press, of a CHI investigation looking at the care of older people at the War Memorial Hospital. This investigation is due to be published in early July. I have enclosed the investigations term of reference for your information.

I am unable to forward you a copy of the entire report, but would like to share with you a small number of paragraphs in advance of publication. I did speak to your predecessor Mark Smith late last year explaining the investigation processes, who suggested speaking to Dr John Watkins and Dr Robin Clarke who provided useful background information. In addition, CHI interviewed and met with a small number of Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust staff earlier this year. I have attached the report appendix which lists these members of staff, all of whom were very helpful. All staff were made aware of the CHI practice of appending names of those interviewed.

You will see that CHI has some, largely historical concerns, over the pharmacy services provided by the Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust to the then community trust under a contract. The recommendations surrounding these concerns will be worked through by the Fareham and Gosport PCT as part of their action planning process, which I am sure pharmacy staff will be part of.

I hope you find this information helpful, if you have any concerns, I would be grateful if you could call me before 24 June.

Regards

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