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Dear Dr Chisholm

CHI Investigation - Gosport War Memorial Hospital

You may be aware that we have been trying to arrange a briefing meeting with you prior to the publication of this CHI investigation report. As diaries have not allowed this, I thought you might appreciate a short briefing on the key issues.

The investigation was triggered by a police investigation into the deaths of older people, who had been cared for by a local GP working as a clinical assistant. Whilst we have not investigated the clinical practice of any clinicians, including the clinical assistant, we have found some significant areas of concern, dating back to 1998.

In summary, CHI concluded that;

- There were insufficient local prescribing guidelines
- There was a lack of supervision and appraisal of GPs working in trusts as clinical assistants
- A lack of routine, rigorous review of pharmacy data
- A lack of thorough multi-disciplinary patient assessments on admission to determine individual care needs.

CHI is therefore making recommendations to the local PCT around;

- The appraisal and supervision of GPs working as clinical assistants
- Levels of out of hours cover provided by a local practice and deputising service
- The need for a review of the admission criteria for the GP ward

Whilst many of the recommendations in the report are directed at the two PCTs responsible for the service, CHI is keen to stress the relevance of the recommendations to all emerging PCTs.

The CHI report will be published at www.chi.nhs.uk at 10.00am on Wednesday 3 July, when a copy will be sent to you. I hope this information has given you sufficient information in advance of the reports publication. If either yourself or your colleagues would like to arrange a meeting with Julie Miller, Investigations Manager and myself post publication to discuss the report in more detail, I should be most happy to do so.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liz Fradd', with several loops and flourishes.

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