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Dear Philip

Thank you for your recent letter asking CHI to undertake a further investigation at Gosport War Memorial Hospital during the period 1989-1998.

I can confirm that Liz Fradd, Director of Nursing will be the lead director for all matters relating to the investigation.

You make reference to the need to keep in view the continuing police interest in a number of cases at the hospital. I would like to confirm that CHI and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Strategic Health Authority met with the Hampshire Constabulary on 18 December. This meeting involved CHI's solicitors, Capsticks. The Constabulary have now also met with the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) in London to discuss any potential negative impact of the proposed investigations on the police criminal investigation. We are expecting a response from the CPS in the first two weeks of January indicating whether it would be appropriate for additional investigations to be undertaken at this time. In the meantime, we will begin to progress some of the early stages of the investigation, including some initial data analysis.

We will of course be in contact when we have received feedback from the CPS.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Executive