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Primary Care Trust

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Gosport War Memorial Hospital

Ian Piper, Chief Executive of Fareham and Gosport Primary Care Trust (PCT) today expressed the grave concerns of the PCT regarding the impact upon staff, patients and relatives continued coverage in the local press about Gosport War Memorial Hospital is having.

Mr Piper said: "I understand the concerns and anxieties of the families, and am keen to help resolve issues openly and honestly. I have written today to all the families that I am aware have raised concerns, inviting them to meet with me individually to try to clarify issues which they feel remain outstanding and to identify ways in which the PCT can help. I have also been in touch with Hampshire Constabulary to inform them of our concerns and to urge them to meet with the families to discuss their current issues."

Mr Piper concluded: "The continued media coverage is causing considerable anxiety amongst staff at Gosport War Memorial Hospital, who are amongst the very best in the country. I feel the continued suggestions of unsatisfactory current standards of care offered to patients at the hospital are unfounded."

If people have concerns about the care of patients at Gosport War Memorial Hospital, please contact either:

- Fiona Cameron on 01329 229419 or
- Jan Peach, Service Manager at Gosport War Memorial Hospital on 023 9252 4611.

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NOTES TO EDITOR:

1. The Fareham and Gosport Primary Care Trust will be established on 1 April 2002 and will be geographically coterminous with Fareham Borough Council and Gosport Borough Council, 21 GP practices with a population of around 187,000.
2. Media enquires should be made to Sue Galley, Communications Manager, Media & Communications Service, telephone 023 9283 5156.

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