

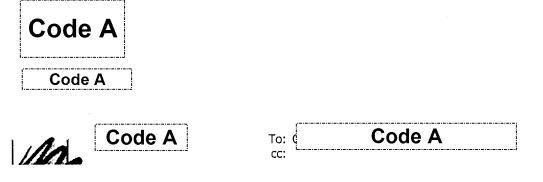
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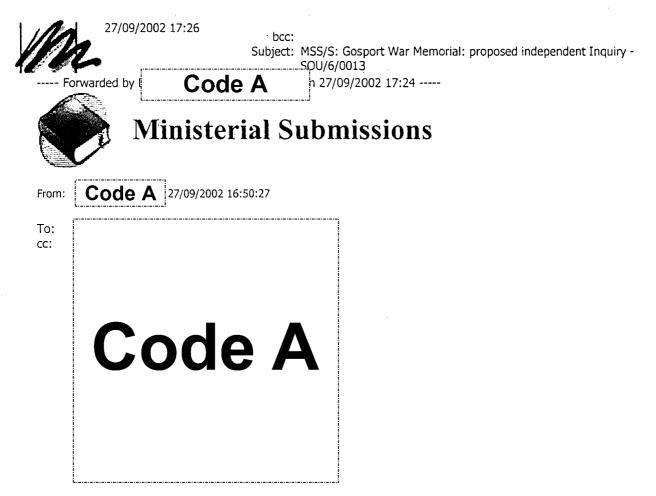
Lord Hunt has discussed your notes of 27 September and 17 October with Sir Liam Donaldson. They have agreed that an independent inquiry would not be the appropriate course of action at this time. Lord Hunt has asked that CHI be sent back to Gosport War Memorial to look at the handling of the complaints which make up the nurses' dossier that recently came to light. This would of course cover an earlier time period than CHI previously looked into.

I understand that CMO has spoken with the CHI Medical Director who has agreed in principle to take forward this further investigation. Dr Patterson has, however, asked for an official commissioning letter and terms of reference from DH. I'd be grateful if Janet Walden could take this forward and prepare a draft for CMO's clearance, in the first instance. It would be helpful if you could get something to Rachel Dickson by the middle of next week.

Obviously, until we have official agreement from CHI, no announcement regarding CHI's further involvement should be made.

Many thanks for your patience in waiting for a response on this issue. Please contact me if you have any queries.





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