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Dear Michael

**Gosport War Memorial Hospital**

I am writing to confirm that, following the request from Hampshire Police to suspend the Second CHI and our management investigations, both these investigations are now on hold. We are warned that this could be for a period of up to 24 months.

There may be a possibility that, if the police were to conclude their investigations more quickly, we would ask you to pick up where you left off but, I guess, it will be more likely that the world will have moved on and we will have to reconsider how to take things forward in the light of the position at the time.

Your interim report will be a very good basis for concluding a re-started investigation.

Thank you for letting me know that we have 8 days outstanding of your time. We talked about a possible piece of work in Portsmouth. It now looks as if Mark Gritten will do this for us so, if you are happy, I will keep your days 'in the bank' and will stay in touch as opportunities arise.

Thank you once again for your help, and my apologies for the delay in getting back to you to confirm the present position.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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