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Dear Mrs. Lack,

We have corresponded in the past about your complaint regarding the care provided at Gosport War Memorial Hospital. I thought you would be interested to hear about a review that is about to take place at the hospital; public views will be canvassed as part of this.

The Commission for Health Improvement will be looking at the care provided on elderly medicine wards as a result of publicly voiced concerns. The Commission (CHI) was set up by the Government to improve the quality of patient care in the NHS across England and Wales. We welcome this review, which offers the opportunity to have a thorough look at the service from an independent perspective.

This review will not reinvestigate prior complaints, such a yours. However, the themes from complaints in general, and the action taken as a result, will be explored.

There will be an opportunity for members of the public to contribute to this review by making their views know to the Commission's Investigating Team. Details of the public consultation exercise will be published in the local press in due course. In the meantime, should you wish to put your views directly to the Commission, please contact:

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