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Mrs L Lack

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Dear Mrs Lack

I am writing following our meeting on the 8th August 2001, at Peta's home in Lyndhurst.

I trust that the information I was able to offer about the Crown Prosecution Service's decision not to prosecute any persons in relation to your mothers death was detailed enough for you to be clear about how they reached their conclusion. I very much appreciate that you may have some reservations about this decision but I am forced to conclude there are no grounds to challenge the outcome.

You will recall from our conversation that we have initiated a further preliminary investigation to examine other deaths at the hospital. I anticipate that that investigation and other matters will be resolved by early October. I will keep you informed of any significant developments.

I wanted to further formally offer you my sincere apologies that we failed to inform you personally at the earliest opportunity of the CPS decision. I cannot offer you any adequate explanation for this failing, which I deeply regret. We normally work very hard to ensure families are treated with every respect and for us to have failed is not acceptable. Whilst it may be of little consolation to you we will learn from our mistake on this occasion.



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I will keep you updated as promised over the next 8-10 weeks. If you do have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me on the above number or on the pager on my business card I left with you.

Yours sincerely

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J JAMES

Detective Superintendent