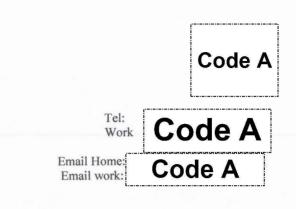
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Mr. Ian Piper Chief Executive Fareham and Gosport Primary Care Trust Unit 180 Fareham Reach 166 Fareham Road Gosport PO13 OFH

Date: Friday 19th July 2002

Your Ref.: IP/jkf/L 187

Dear Mr. Piper,

RE: GOSPORT WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL - CHI REPORT

Thank you for your letter and I welcome the opportunity to be involved in any process that may improve the situation that obviously existed in 1998/9.

I do have a number of specific questions and queries regarding the report and I am at present in the process of replying to the Commission for Health Improvement to clarify some of these. One of these questions was that the CHI report fails to mention death figures, although it does mention a high number of "Finished Consultant Episodes". I am asking CHI exactly what this term means in relation to those that died.

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I will in due course reply in full to your letter, but one question that I will be asking in respect of death figures of the hospital will be: Are you able to provide death figures for the hospital from 1990 to 2001?

Yours sincerely,

Bernard Page