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ATTORNEY GENERAL
Hon Lord Goldsmith QC
Attorney General's Chambers
9 Buckingham Gate
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Dear Sir,

RE: POLICE INVESTIGATION INTO HOSPITAL DEATHS

On 3rd March 1998 my mother Mrs Eva I Page died whilst in the care of the Gosport War Memorial Hospital, Gosport.

During that and the following year a number of deaths resulted in several complaints to the police and to the medical authorities all resulting in unsatisfactory conclusions for the relatives.

During 2001 the Hampshire Constabulary's Serious Crimes Unit headed by Det. Insp. J. James conducted what I and other relatives believed to be a *full investigation* into the deaths at the hospital.

On 22ND February 2002 the other relatives and I were informed by the Head of the Serious Crimes Unit that no further action would be taken by the police, other than pass on files to the professional bodies responsible for the medical profession. (GMC, Nursing Council). The Commission for Health Improvement (CHI) was also informed who commenced their own enquiry.

During July 2002 the CHI made public their report, which was very damning in their conclusions. High levels of dangerous drugs had been administered with little or no control by the medical and nursing staff. This damning report fell short of confirming that the administration of these drugs was the cause of death of the patients concerned, this, they stated was the responsibility of any police investigation.

It became evident that the original Serious Crimes Unit had not fully investigated the complaints made to them, consequently I and other relatives made an official complaint to the Chief Constable, Hampshire Constabulary.

A Chief Supt. Code A conducted this complaint investigation. He duly forwarded his report to the Chief Constable during August 2002.

On 22nd August 2002 I received a letter from the Deputy Chief Constable, informing me that he had decided to forward all relevant files to the CPS for their decision. This is most unsatisfactory, as the CPS will again not be in possession of all the evidence, as the police have again failed to investigate any further any of the facts / complaints made to them.

I have enclosed a copy of my reply to this letter and request that you take note that even Det. Supt. Code A's investigation **was not complete** due to the actions of the Chief Constable.

May I also respectfully request that you enquire further into the actions of the police authorities previous investigations into these deaths, which have been ongoing in a very unsatisfactory manner, for the past four years?

Yours respectfully,

Bernard Page

Enclosure: 1. Copy of Dep.ChConst. I.R.Redhead's Ltr dated 19Aug02
2. My Ltr to I.R. Redhead dated 28Aug02.