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Mrs. C.R. Bulbeck,

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Dear Marjorie,

Mrs. Middleton deceased - Gosport War Memorial Hospital

I enclose a copy of a letter which I have received from Detective Superintendent Code A and I must confess that I am concerned that they are not prepared to make a disclosure. I quite understand that perhaps they would not be prepared to make a voluntary disclosure in which case we do have the right to make an application to the Court to disclose. I think we should certainly consider doing this if they are not going to voluntarily make available the medical reports.

I notice that the other parties are not identified but I would assume that reference to the "other parties" refers to the Hospital authority and, no doubt, the solicitors representing the doctors and nursing staff who, if I remember rightly, are likely to be the solicitors acting for the Medical Defence Union, if they are the insurers. Certainly they deal with a lot of medical defence negotiation work. My past experience tells me that they very rarely voluntarily agree to disclosure. Normally one has to go to Court to force them to make such disclosure.

Kind regards,
Yours sincerely

Code A

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