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Dear Mrs Bulbeck

You should by now be in receipt of my letter concerning the actions which I have decided to take following submission of the report by Chief Supt Dan Clacher to me.

It is regrettable that you contacted very junior members of our staff in order to discover what action I intended to take following receipt of Mr Clacher's report. As I hoped my letter indicates it was necessary for me to be sure that the Crown Prosecution Service would be receptive to receiving further evidence concerning this matter at their London office. I am now of the view that this will not be a difficulty and Hampshire, as my letter advised you, will be proceeding accordingly. I realise that losing your mother has obviously caused you significant distress and that in your view there are criminal actions which may have been committed. I take the opinion that that is a decision for the Crown Prosecution Service against the backdrop of the evidence currently in possession of the police. I intend to submit the CHI report to the Crown Prosecution Service on my reading of that report, which does not name any individual, but focuses on the policy and practice at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital, I do not find support for the assertions that you make that the report proves criminal behaviour. None the less the Crown Prosecution Service may have a different view to myself, hence the reason why they ought to see it.

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I will obviously keep you advised of the progress that is made.

Yours sincerely

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