

THE LEGAL SECRETARIAT TO THE LAW OFFICERS ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS 9 BUCKINGHAM GATE LONDON SW1E 6JP

5 September 2002

Dear Mrs Bulbeck,

## **Re: Gosport War Memorial Hospital**

Your letter of 2 September to the Attorney General has been passed to me for reply.

You allege that there have been unlawful killings that the Gosport War Memorial Hospital and ask the Attorney General to ensure that an investigation is carried out by the Hampshire police.

Whilst allegations of this kind are a matter of concern, the Attorney General has no role in this matter. You should make your concerns known to the police, as I see you have from the fact that your letter is copied to Chief Constable Paul Keranghan. This then becomes a matter for the police to investigate and to decide whether to pass the matter to the Crown Prosecution Service. The Attorney General has no role in overseeing or supervising police forces. As I am sure that you appreciate, as a Minister of the Government it would be wrong for him to intervene in individual investigations.

I am sorry to give you a response you may find disappointing, but this matter must be left to the proper investigating authority.

Yours sincerely,

