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Dear Mrs Bulbeck

Re: Operation Rochester: Expert Review

Dulcie Middleton

I write further to my letter of 2nd February 2004, where we notified you of our intention to inform you of the category to which we have assigned the case of your mother, Dulcie Middleton. The work required to reach this decision has now been completed by our team of experts and I am writing to notify you of their findings.

In providing you with this information, may I also take this opportunity to remind you of the advice given to you by the Operation Rochester team and Alexander Harris, Solicitors regarding the prejudicial impact that media reporting may have on the investigation and on any subsequent Court proceedings.

During the review, the team of experts examined the records both individually and together at a multidisciplinary team meeting where they had an opportunity to discuss their conclusions. Following the team's work a summary has been produced to outline the care provided to Dulcie Middleton at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital. We attach a copy of the summary with this letter.

I am now able to inform you that our experts concluded that there was no evidence of any unlawful activity in the care, which your mother received. The review of the records revealed that the actions of the nursing or medical staff did not contribute adversely to the deterioration of the condition of Dulcie Middleton.

Notwithstanding the above findings we anticipate that in due course, the General Medical Council and the Nursing and Midwifery Council, the regulatory bodies responsible for the professional regulation of doctors and nurses, may wish to review all the cases we have been examining. We would therefore be grateful if you would confirm, by signing the enclosed form, that you have no objection to us subsequently making both the documents we have collected and our findings available to those bodies. We have enclosed a Freepost envelope for your reply.

Finally, may I take the opportunity of thanking you for your co-operation and assistance with this difficult inquiry. If you have any questions arising from the conclusions of the team, the summary note or the enclosed form please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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