

**Mrs. M Bulbeck****Code A**

Your ref: COM 2003 002112

2 July 2005

Mr L Lustgarten  
Commissioner  
INDEPENDENT POLICE COMPLAINTS COMMISSION  
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Dear Mr Lustgarten

Re: Complaint against **Code A**

Thank you for your letter dated 28 June 2005 together with the enclosed Reply Form.

The Reply Form is enclosed with this letter and I have ticked the appropriate boxes in respect of the following:

1. I believe that the proposed action to deal with the officer is inappropriate.
2. I want to make other comments on the provisional decision.

I have not ticked the box relating to new evidence that has not been considered although it is plainly apparent that statements from myself and others, who visited my late mother and which were, and are, pertinent to the death of my late mother have never been taken by the Police and consequently the Police are ignorant of the many factors which I consider contributed to the death of my late mother.

I believe that the proposed action to deal with the officer is inappropriate and I want to make other comments on the provisional decision:

You state that it was clear from an early stage of **Code A** investigation that the critical element in determining whether criminal proceedings would be taken forward was the view of expert witnesses in respect of the

appropriateness of the frequency and quantity of the administration of diomorphine, in light of the medical condition of the persons whose deaths whilst patients at the hospital were being investigated.

It is clear to me from the above that there has been no investigation by [Code A] [Code A] of those matters which I consider contributed to my late mother's death and unnecessary suffering prior to her death and which I believe constituted criminal negligence.

The provisional decision supports [Code A] in his decision not to take statements from myself and others who, unlike him, had personal experiences of what took place at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

It is beyond my comprehension as to why [Code A] undertook an investigation based on his own pre-conceived assumptions rather than firstly assembling the evidence from the concerned parties, as that evidence will confirm that each party suffered the loss of a loved one and that they were individual cases.

The proposed action to deal with the officer is inappropriate as the provisional decision has totally failed to take into account the basic evidence which was available to [Code A] but which he decided, without even making himself aware of it, was not relevant. His decision not to take statements from those witnesses flies in the face of common sense and, besides being negligent, suggests that [Code A] had a pre-conceived view of the situation before he began his investigation as there is no one set of circumstances, such as the death of Gladys Richards, which can be used to determine those facts surrounding the death of my late mother.

I can accept that there may be similarities but each case must be investigated individually and the investigation has failed to take into account eye witness accounts of events that transpired.

Your provisional decision is not acceptable to me and I believe that you have failed myself and others and I would appreciate clarification from you as to what other action is open to me in the light of your provisional decision.

Thanking you in anticipation of your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,