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15 July 2002

Dear Mr Milburn,

I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Peter Viggers, MP for Gosport, in response to the press and TV statements made by him twentyfour hours after The Commission for Health Improvements Report into the care of the elderly at Gosport War Memorial Hospital was published on 3rd July 2002.

Complaints concerning care of the elderly started in 1998 and it has taken until 2002 to get proper enquiries made, now we have the CHI Report which proves that we, the complainants, were right.

Unless the Report is accepted and endorsed by the local MP and yourself as Health Minister, then those such as myself, who have had a long struggle to bring the matter into the open to ensure that such a terrible situation cannot recur, will feel that our efforts have been ignored.

I trust that, as Health Minister, you are fully aware of the complaints and have read the Report.

I would be pleased to hear your response to this dreadful situation.

Yours Sincerely