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FAO: Sarah Ellson

Dear Sir/Madam,

**GOSPORT WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

I have been notified that Eversheds have recently transferred the case involving the Gosport War Memorial Hospital to your firm, and wish to draw your attention to my interest in this matter.

Following a recent decision by the Crown Prosecution Service not to commence criminal proceedings against various staff at the above hospital, I have been advised by Mr Close of the Criminal Prosecution Service, and later the Police, that an investigation was being carried out by the General Medical Council into the facts behind various deaths at that hospital.

I would like you to be aware that my step-father, Mr A D B Cunningham, was one patient who died there and, indeed, was one of the dozen or so that were extracted by the Police for closer than usual scrutiny. Consequently, I would wish to be kept informed of all developments in respect of your enquiries, and to have the opportunity of making a statement and/or asking questions should this be possible.

During my interview with Mr Close on the 15 March 2007, it became apparent that there are a number of significant reports held on file to which I was refused access. These include a report by Professor Baker who was specifically commissioned by the Chief Medical Officer to conduct an independent audit of deaths at that hospital, and also a number of 'expert' reports by specialist in the medical profession. It is a fact that some of the selected information read out to me during my interview was demonstrably inaccurate and needs to be challenged.

I am very concerned that access to this information is being released to only selected individuals as it taints the whole process and the CPS decision, and particularly infers that justice may not have been done.

In addition to my involvement, it would be very much appreciated anything you might be able to do to have this information released.

Yours faithfully,

**Code A**

Charles Farthing

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