



for patient safety and justice

Mr Charles Farthing

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Dear Mr Farthing

Gosport War Memorial Hospital Inquest

Action against Medical Accidents (AvMA) have made arrangements with one of our specialist panel firms of solicitors in Fareham, for potential representation of families at the pre-Inquest hearing and eventual Inquest. There are a number of urgent issues to be addressed and we would urge you to make contact with the solicitor as soon as possible. The contact details are:

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There will be no charge for you discussing the possibility of being represented at the Inquest and pre-Inquest hearing, and Mr White will explore the possibility of any legal aid or other funding with you.

We have also made arrangements for family members who will be attending the pre-Inquest hearing to meet together, if they would like to, to discuss strategy. This will be at 6 pm on Thursday, 31st July at the solicitor's offices in Fareham (address above). AvMA staff, including myself, will be present.

I would be grateful if you could confirm if you and any other family members will attend this meeting. If you are in contact with any other families who are party to the Inquest please bring this to their attention also. We will be seeking local publicity about this to try to get in contact with them.

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As a charity which focuses on patient safety and justice, and with a particular interest in care of the elderly and supporting families at inquests, we are keen to be as much help as we can. We realise that this must be a distressing time. My team will keep in touch, as will Ann Alexander who has recently become a trustee of the charity.

Yours sincerely

Peter Walsh

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Chief Executive