

Charles Farthing

From: "Horsley, David" <Code A>
To: "Charles Farthing" <Code A>
Cc: "Andrew Bradley (E-mail)" <Code A>
Sent: 24 November 2008 12:52
Subject: RE: Gosport War Memorial Hospital

Dear Mr Farthing,

I hope you'll appreciate that I'm not in a position to give you that advice.

As I explained, we did try very hard in the public inquiry direction but without any success, despite a face-to-face meeting at the Ministry of Justice in London. The reason for the refusal was that there were no matters of national importance involved.

Prior to that, I tried to pursue with the CPS why no prosecutions were being undertaken in respect of the Gosport deaths. I understand the CPS decided not to prosecute on the advice of leading Counsel. I did ask the CPS for sight of Counsel's advice on a number of occasions but they declined to let me see it. There was nothing I was able to do about this as a Coroner has no legal power to force the CPS to divulge this sort of information.

If you consider it worthwhile pursuing matters along the lines of what you say in your email, that is for you to decide and I have no objection to your doing so.

David C. Horsley
 H.M. Coroner
 Portsmouth & South East Hampshire

-----Original Message-----

From: Charles Farthing [mailto:Code A]
Sent: 24 November 2008 11:25
To: Horsley, David
Cc: Coroner (Basingstoke)
Subject: Re: Gosport War Memorial Hospital

Dear Mr Horsley,

Thank you for the two email received this morning, albeit that one was intended for Mr Bradley.

It is certainly helpful to know that you have tried to instigate a Public Hearing but puzzling, to say the least, as to why it was turned down flat.

Clearly, justice is being suppressed in this case as I always suspected after my interview with the CPS, and I would be grateful for any advice you could give me to enable the wider issues to be heard at a Public Enquiry at some stage. Would it be appropriate, for example, for me to approach my MP (a Tory) with a view to him taking on the Justice Minister for a full explanation, or is there some better way that I could be involved?

With kind regards,

Charles Farthing

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From: Horsley, David
To: Code A
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2008 9:21 AM
Subject: FW: Gosport War Memorial Hospital