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Mr D C Horsley
H M Coroner's Office
The Guildhall
Guildhall Square
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Dear Sir,

GOSPORT WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Following the recent decision by the Crown Prosecution Service not to commence proceedings against various employees at the above hospital, I was advised by Mr Close of the CPS, and later the Police, that you would be conducting a review of the causes of death at this hospital of a number a patients in recent years.

I would like you to be aware that my step-father, Mr A D B Cunningham, was one such patient 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 this respect, and to have the opportunity of making a statement and/or asking questions at any future inquest or enquiry.

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.

It would be very much appreciated, therefore, if there is anything you could do to have this information released as soon as practicable.

Yours faithfully,

Charles Farthing