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Mr Charles Farthing

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Dear Mr Farthing

Gosport War Memorial Hospital

I confirm that I have now had an opportunity to meet Detective Chief Inspector David M Williams who has now taken over the main responsibility for the ongoing investigation in place of Nigel Niven who is currently away off sick. It is hoped that he will be returning shortly and rejoining the investigation.

They are currently continuing with investigations and are in the process of interviewing a number of health care professionals involved with the care of patients during the relevant period. They have confirmed to me that they hope to be in a position to submit the requisite papers to the CPS by the end of September 2004.

I know that a majority of you have raised concerns with me regarding the issue that Jane Barton is still currently practising. I did raise this issue at the recent meeting and although I cannot elaborate on the specific conditions in place there have been a number of restrictions placed upon her particularly in relation to prescribing. I am now satisfied that something has been done but I have again expressed my concerns that the matter is not yet in the hands of the GMC.

I have, as some of you know raised the issue of counselling for family members and it has been suggested to me that you should initially seek the advice of your individual general practitioner. In the event that you do not receive any satisfactory response from your general practitioner, please can you let me know and I can take this up again with the police.

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In the meantime David Williams has informed me that he is seeking to appoint a Police Family Liaison Coordinator to review and manage family liaison issues.

As always, I would recommend that at the present time. you do not speak to the press, if however you would like to discuss the media issue in more detail then please do not hesitate to contact Claire Rowley on: **Code A** who will be happy to assist you.

Yours sincerely

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