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Dear

Re: Police Investigation into the circumstances of deaths at Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

As the Senior Investigating Officer in respect of the lengthy and detailed investigation into deaths at Gosport War Memorial may I extend my thanks to healthcare staff for their understanding and perseverance during the period of investigation.

A total of 92 cases have been examined by the investigation team since September 2002. A significant proportion of those cases (82) were released following detailed review upon the basis that there was insufficient evidence to justify further criminal investigation.

The investigation culminated with ten full files of evidence being considered by the Crown Prosecution Service between December 2004 and December 2006. I am absolutely satisfied that the CPS had all relevant material upon which to consider whether there was a sufficiency of evidence to instigate criminal proceedings.

The Crown Prosecution Service have announced following careful consideration that negligence could not be proven to the high criminal standard and that there was no realistic prospect of conviction of healthcare staff.

I will be meeting healthcare stakeholders in particular the General Medical Council Nursing and Midwifery Council and H.M. Coroner to determine whether general 'standard of care' issues in respect of the deaths require further examination although to re-iterate the police investigation is now closed.

This brings to an end the formal police investigation into alleged criminal matters at Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

Yours sincerely

David WILLIAMS
Detective Superintendent.

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