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## Re- Operation ROCHESTER. Investigation into deaths at Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

Further to my letter dated 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2006 I write to update you in respect of the ongoing deliberations of Treasury Counsel and the Crown Prosecution Service.

A total of ten cases have been assessed by experts to be of sufficient concern to warrant the fullest police investigation and as a result the most comprehensive of case-files were incrementally passed to CPS between December 2004 and July 2006 for their consideration.

Treasury counsel has considered the volumes of evidence including thousands of pages of expert reports and has now completed his final advice to the CPS.

The CPS lawyer is currently reviewing the advice and preparing the decision/s for release into the public domain.

I am conscious around the sensitivities of the timing and order of the release and will do everything possible to ensure that the families of those involved in the final cases along with the healthcare staff interviewed as suspects will be the first to be notified of the CPS decision, followed by the 35 or so professional bodies/stakeholders.

Upon my receipt of the CPS notification letters I will inform Family Liaison Officer

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who will give you advanced warning of their arrival.

Dependant upon the decision you will of course be given the opportunity to discuss the outcome with both the Police and the CPS.

May I take this opportunity once more to thank you for your continued patience.

Yours sincerely

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David WILLIAMS

Detective Superintendent.