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**Mr Stephen Lloyd  
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Dear Mr Lloyd

**Operation Rochester - Investigation into deaths at Gosport War Memorial Hospital**

I am writing on behalf of the Chief Constable to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 27 October 2009

The current position with this case, for your information is as follows. The transcripts and evidence presented during the Coroner's inquests held in Portsmouth earlier this year together with the transcripts from the recent Fitness to Practice hearing conducted by the General Medical Council are currently being reviewed by the Crown Prosecution Service.

Until such time as the review of this information has been completed it would be inappropriate to comment on individual aspects of the case.

Mr Marshall has directed that your letter is forwarded to Detective Inspector David Grocott, the Senior Investigating Officer in charge of Operation Rochester, so that the concerns you raise can be considered.

Yours sincerely

**Inspector Kevin Baxman  
Staff Officer to Alex Marshall  
Chief Constable**



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Date: 27<sup>th</sup> October 2009

Dear Chief Constable Marshall

I am writing on behalf of Mrs Gillian Mackenzie & Code A with regard to Operation Rochester – the investigation into the deaths at Gosport Memorial Hospital and, in particular, Mrs Gladys Richards the mother of Mrs Gillian Mackenzie.

Having read the papers from the GMC inquest and numerous other documents provided by Mrs Mackenzie, including those from Operation Rochester, I am bound to say that I have profound concerns about this whole case. Consequently, I have arranged a meeting with our Shadow Sec of State for Health Norman Lamb MP, the lawyer representing the other families and Mrs Mackenzie, in Westminster next week.

I am sure that the demands for a public enquiry will grow but in the meantime I'm writing to you to urge two things from Hampshire Police: One – broaden Inspector Grocotts enquiry to include the nurses involved and not just Dr. Barton. There appears to be ample evidence that they may have been directly complicit in Mrs Gladys Richards's death as well as Dr. Barton. Certainly enough to warrant they be included in the investigation. Two – speedily complete the Police scrutiny of the GMC transcript as the CPS is denying a meeting with Mrs Mackenzie until your Force has done so.

I appreciate this entire, convoluted episodes took place before you became Chief Constable and it may seem 'old history' However, I have become convinced there is more to this than meets the eye, and I am equally convinced it will all come out eventually. I'd be grateful, therefore, if Hampshire Police were to assist in ensuring that Justice is done and is seen to be done for the families involved in the whole Dr Barton and Gosport Memorial Hospital treatment (or lack of). Rather than, as is perhaps perceived by some, as being less than wholehearted in its investigations over the last twelve years.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely

**Code A**

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