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Dear Supt. Williams

Gosport War Memorial Hospital Investigation

Thank you for coming to the SHA Offices last week and for a very open and useful discussion about current progress on Operation Rochester.

As discussed at that meeting, I think it is now essential that the NHS has full information about the progress of your investigations of individual cases. I would therefore like to request formally that Hampshire Constabulary share with the Strategic Health Authority details of those patients whose cases have been reviewed, and the outcome of that review in terms of closure or onward referral. I think our recent meeting was very helpful in outlining the responsibilities of each of our Agencies, and mine is to ensure that I have full information where issues of patient safety and/or clinical governance are concerned.

Clearly, this information would be treated with the strictest confidence, in line with our own internal policies over the handling of patient identifiable data. Any correspondence of this nature should be addressed to me and marked PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL.

We also discussed the issue of communications, and I am pleased that we were able to agree that any external communications about outcomes of reviews would be agreed jointly between Hampshire Constabulary and the Strategic Health Authority.

Thank you once again for the partnership approach which you have demonstrated. Please feel free to contact me if there are any issues which arise from this letter.

Yours sincerely

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