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Dear Detective Inspector Niven

Operation Rochester

After receiving a copy of the third bulletin dated 2 November 2003 following the meeting at Netley on 11 September, I returned a form requesting copies of my husband's (Leonard Graham) medical records prior to his referral to Gosport War Memorial Hospital from Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth. I assumed that a photocopy of his medical records from Gosport War Memorial Hospital already in my possession would be identical to those held by the police but, in the light of recent media coverage, I am uncertain that this is the case. I have still not received the copies requested but would now also like a copy of the records held by you from the Gosport War Memorial Hospital to compare with mine.

I wrote to you on 23 November 2003 stating that I thought little would be gained by a visit from unless it was intended to take a signed statement from me. I received no acknowledgement to that letter, although it did not necessarily warrant a formal reply. However, I was contacted by by telephone to say that she would like to call to introduce herself as the Liaison Officer for Operation Rochester and would discuss the report I made earlier that year to . She also said that she would like to know how I would wish to be informed of the outcome of any decision made with regard to the circumstances surrounding my husband's death following the investigations by the expert Clinical Team. She was unaware when she spoke to me that I had already written to you and I reiterated my statement that I thought little would be gained by, what I understand, were quite lengthy visits. She gave me her mobile number in case I changed my mind.

I have tried on several occasions recently to contact yourself or someone dealing with the matter but have been told no one was available but I that I could leave my telephone number on voicemail or contact on her mobile. As I am out most of the time I decided to do the latter and she has arranged to telephone me next Monday, 19 January, to arrange a convenient time to call to deliver the copy medical records.

I should like an explanation as to how a final decision can be reached on any case without comparing the hospital records with a signed statement from the next of kin and would refer to paragraph 3 of bulletin 3 – IDENTIFIED CONCERNS . Families were repeatedly assured as a group and individually that the investigation would be carried out in this way and that no decisions would be reached until this had been done.

It would now appear that decisions have already been made without statements having been taken and if I am incorrect in my assumption, perhaps would be kind enough to enlighten me. It is obvious that other relatives, like myself, of relatives who died in alleged suspicious circumstances are becoming increasingly frustrated and distressed and I cannot understand The necessity for further lengthy visits by the police which only seem to be made to appease relatives and not to help the investigation to proceed further.

Yours sincerely

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