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Re: Investigation into Deaths Gosport War Memorial Hospital

I write to you for two reasons. Firstly, to notify you of changes in the police management structure of Operation Rochester and, secondly, to present the FGM bulletin No 7.

Following my recent promotion to the post of Temporary Assistant Chief Constable Operations for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, my duties have extended to encompass a remit far wider than my previous role.

This being the case, I have appointed Detective Superintendent David Williams to the post of Senior Investigating Officer to Operation Rochester, it is likely that David will remain in this role until the final outcome of the investigation has been determined.

David of course has been significantly involved as my Deputy SIO since May 2004, and has an excellent knowledge of the investigation.

Detective Inspector Nigel Niven will remain as David's deputy.

For my part, I will be maintaining close contact with David and Nigel throughout the remainder of the investigation and have instructed to be consulted regarding matters of strategic importance. Furthermore, I will receive regular briefings as to the ongoing progress of the investigation.

The Hampshire Constabulary remains absolutely committed to ensuring that this significant investigation is professionally progressed to the earliest conclusion, may I add that my personal commitment will remain undiminished.

Yours sincerely

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Steve Watts
Assistant Chief Constable