



## MEDICAL PROTECTION SOCIETY

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Dear Mr Stephenson

**Re: Dr Derek North**

Dr North is a member of the Medical Protection Society and has advised us of a letter he has received from the Fareham and Gosport NHS PCT concerning your investigation into the deaths of certain patients at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital. I understand that it is possible that you may wish to interview Dr North regarding Ruby Lake who was one of his patients. I understand that she died in the Gosport War Memorial Hospital in 1998, having been transferred there from the Royal Naval Hospital Haslar, where Dr North had admitted her initially.

I would be grateful if you would confirm that if it is your intention to interview Dr North, that he will be able to have access to this patient's medical records prior to such an interview. As I am sure you are aware, it is now some years since this patient's death and in order for Dr North to give you an accurate account of his involvement with this lady, he would need to have sight of her medical records to refresh his memory. I have written to the PCT and it was they who gave me your contact name and address. They also confirmed to me that they do not hold this patient's records and that they are now in your possession. Naturally, Dr North is anxious to be as helpful as he can in your investigations of these deaths and I look forward to hearing from you regarding his access to the medical records.

Yours sincerely,

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**Dr David Stewart**  
**Medico-Legal Adviser**



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