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13th September 2004

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Dear Mr Barker

Re: Operation Rochester- Investigation into deaths
at Gosport War Memorial Hospital

Thank you for your letter of the 25th August 2004.

I note the position in respect of the IOC transcript, thank you for the update.

I am able to tell you that enquiries regarding four cases nominated for priority investigation are progressing expeditiously. Medical experts continue to examine the patient notes in respect of these cases and will produce evidential statements of their findings. It is of course vital to the interests of justice that these experts provide a product of the highest quality satisfying all of the pertaining medical and legal issues and of course providing information in respect of causation.

To this end the medical experts have received detailed guidance from the Crown Prosecution Service to ensure the production of relevant professional evidence.

As far as police interviews with your client are concerned, it remains premature to plan dates as the final expert reports have not yet been received. I would anticipate however that this information will be available by early October, and at that point, should interviews be necessary with your client we will be disclosing as much information as is reasonable to enable you to properly represent your client. This will probably include all of the patient records, and a document highlighting the issues subject of questioning.

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In the event of a criminal interview I would expect voluntary attendance, at a place other than a police station, over a number of days, compartmentalising interviews to particular cases.

I will update you further as soon as I am able.

Yours Sincerely.

David WILLIAMS
Detective Superintendent