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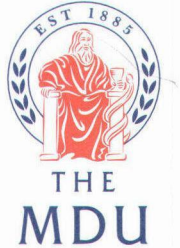
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Dear Superintendent Williams

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

I am sorry that I have not responded to your letter of 27th July, for which my thanks. Of course much of the information in your letter was designed to be just that – information, without actually requiring a response, but you did ask for Dr Barton's authority to release transcripts of the Interim Orders Committee hearing of the General Medical Council for September 2002 in relation to her case.

This was obviously something we touched on when we met together with Detective Chief Superintendent Watts at my offices on the 14th July. As I had indicated then, I felt it would be necessary to review the transcript, whilst having no objection to put forward in principal. As I indicated, I do not have access to the transcript – that would be with the GMC.

I did subsequently make contact with the GMC asking that a copy of the transcript be made available to me to review, and was told that it would be forwarded to me in due course. I am concerned to let you know that I have heard nothing further and I am chasing now. You should please not feel that your request has been ignored.

If you have any further information at this stage in relation to the progress of the investigation and preparation for any interview which might take place with Dr Barton, obviously I would be pleased to hear further, and in any event hope that we can liaise further shortly.

Yours sincerely

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