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D/Supt. Williams,

DCC has asked if you will look at this letter that he intends to send to Mr. Waterson to see if it causes you any concern.

Thanks,

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Date: , 2004.

Nigel Waterson, MP
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Dear Mr. Waterson,

Mrs. G. Mackenzie, Code A

Thank you for your letter dated 15th November, 2004 concerning your constituent, Mrs. G. Mackenzie and your request to receive an update on the current position of the enquiry being conducted by my officers.

As I explained in my last letter to you on 28th January, 2004, the Constabulary have utilised a number of medical experts in order to assist us in assessing the quality of treatment provided by staff at Gosport War Memorial Hospital. As a result of that process, cases were put into three categories according to the advice of those medical experts on whether or not in their opinion there had been compliance with medical procedures which complied with the rules that existed at that time. We had then concentrated our investigation on those cases which have raised most concern with the medical experts. We have obtained many hundreds of statements from staff who worked in the hospital at that time and interviews have also been conducted with doctors. A small number of cases will be put through the Crown Prosecution service within the next two months in order to test whether or not the conduct of medical care at the hospital raises issues of criminal conduct by individuals associated with the administration of care.

We have attempted to keep Mrs. Mackenzie fully advised throughout the enquiry. For example, during this year alone there have been 72 recorded contacts between my staff working on this enquiry and Mrs. Mackenzie. 16 of these contacts have been made during October and November, 2004 and the Senior Investigating Officer, Detective Superintendent Williams, spoke to her personally on 16th September and 4th October. We have also updated her legal representative, Mr. Ken White of Cornfield Law. I also wrote recently to Mrs. Mackenzie concerning criminal allegations which she had made against her sister advising her of the fact that we will not be taking any further action with regard to that matter.

Detective Inspector Nigel Niven wrote to Mrs. McKenzie on 24th November, 2004 informing her of the work that is taking place regarding the specific issue concerning her

mother, Gladys Richards. Given the extensive concerns raised by Mrs. Mackenzie we have had the case further independently reviewed by our legal medico lawyer who has recommended that the papers be sent to the final reviewing experts. However, they are currently dealing with the priority cases and we do not expect them to commence any work on the Richards case until early next year. On the basis of their examination of the Richards Case during the first phase, it was not perceived as being as serious as those cases which will be going to the Crown Prosecution Service in the next few months.

I feel I have to advise you that Mrs. Mackenzie has caused serious concerns to Constabulary staff insofar as she refuses to use the processes put in place to ensure that she gets consistent, reliable, information. Detective Superintendent Williams wrote to her on 6th August, 2004 asking her to refrain from making regular contact with various members of the investigation team and other persons throughout the Constabulary who would not have detailed knowledge of her particular case. In a telephone conversation to her on 13th July, 2004 we requested that she should make all contact through the Dedicated Family Liaison Officer, Kathryn Robinson. Unfortunately, Mrs. Mackenzie would appear to be unwilling to use the processes put in place by the Constabulary to help her get a consistent message.

If you would like to have a personal briefing on the overall enquiry, or to visit our enquiry team, then I would be happy to make this facility available to you as other MPs in Hampshire have been accorded this facility.

Please advise me if I can be of any further assistance.

Yours sincerely,

I.R. Readhead
Deputy Chief Constable