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**From:** Williams, David  
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**From:** Code A  
**Sent:** 05 July 2007 15:17  
**To:** 'Huntingford, Keith'; Horsley, David  
**Cc:** Bernstein, Judith; Patterson, Brian; Williams, David  
**Subject:** RE: Op Rochester

Thank you. I have scheduled the information for Mr Watts.

regards

**Code A**

PA to Steve Watts, ACC (SO)  
Hampshire Constabulary  
DD: Code A  
Ext: 79- 2203

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**From:** Huntingford, Keith [mailto:Code C]  
**Sent:** 03 July 2007 11:49  
**To:** Horsley, David; Code A  
**Cc:** Bernstein, Judith; Patterson, Brian  
**Subject:** RE: Op Rochester

David

I am pleased to confirm that Colin Phillips (DoH), Judith and Brian are available on 21st August for this meeting starting at 1000hrs in our offices here in Steel House. 11 Tothill Street, SW1H 9LH. I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards  
Keith

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**From:** Horsley, David; Code C  
**Sent:** 03 July 2007 09:26  
**To:** Code A  
**Cc:** Huntingford, Keith  
**Subject:** RE: Op Rochester

Thanks; Code A

I can do 8 August or 21 August.  
I'll pass this on to the Ministry of Justice.

David C. Horsley  
 H.M. Coroner  
 Portsmouth & South East Hampshire

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Code A [mailto:Code A@hampshire.pnn.police.uk]  
**Sent:** 03 July 2007 09:20  
**To:** Williams, David; Horsley, David  
**CC:** Code A  
**Subject:** RE: Op Rochester

I have checked Mr Watts calendar in line with dates David has suggested below and his availability is as follows:

8 Aug already in London but meeting is due to finish at 3pm, so he could perhaps attend then?

9 August could be in London for a 2.30 onwards meet

21 August free all day at present

Hope this helps. Look forward to hearing from you.

kind regards

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**From:** Williams, David  
**Sent:** 02 July 2007 18:46  
**To:** 'Horsley, David'  
**CC:** Code A  
**Subject:** FW: Op Rochester

Mr HORSLEY/[Code A]

Just returned from a week in the Lake District.. hence my late response..  
 Sorry.. not able to do either the 10th or the 18th July.. have inflexible appointments for those dates..

At the moment I am available in August 7th/8th/9th/13th/20th/21st/22nd..

Code A can you please let Mr HORSLEY know if SW has any corresponding available dates for August?

Thanks..DW.

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**From:** Code A  
**Sent:** 02 July 2007 15:54  
**To:** 'Horsley, David'  
**Cc:** Williams, David  
**Subject:** RE: Op Rochester

David, have just spoken to Mr Watts and as I feared these dates are not possible for him. Mr Watts did ask if it would be possible to extend the dates into August/September, would this be possible?

Kind regards

**Code A**  
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Hampshire Constabulary  
DD: Code A  
Ext: 79- 2203

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**From:** Horsley, David  
**Sent:** 02 July 2007 15:42  
**To:** Code A  
**Subject:** RE: Op Rochester

**Code C**

Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Code A [mailto:Code A@hampshire.pnn.police.uk]  
**Sent:** 02 July 2007 14:40  
**To:** Horsley, David  
**Cc:** Williams, David  
**Subject:** RE: Op Rochester

Hello David,

I'm afraid that Mr Watts is on annual leave next week and does have a number of meetings in his calendar for the 18th, but I will have a word with him about this. In the meantime am copying to David Williams so he can check his calendar on the dates you suggest.

Kind regards

**Code A**  
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Hampshire Constabulary  
DD: Code A  
Ext: 79- 2203

**From:** Horsley, David [mailto:David.Horsley@hants.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 29 June 2007 10:25  
**To:** Code A  
**Subject:** FW: Op Rochester

**Code C**

**Code A** - are either of these dates any good ?  
 10 July is better for me.

David C. Horsley  
 H.M. Coroner  
 Portsmouth & South East Hampshire

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Huntingford, Keith [mailto:Keith.Huntingford@hants.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 29 June 2007 10:21  
**To:** Horsley, David  
**Cc:** Bernstein, Judith; Patterson, Brian  
**Subject:** RE: Op Rochester

**Code C**

David

I am afraid Colin Phillips (DoH) is only available on:

Tue 10 July 2.30 p.m

Wed 18 July 10.00 a.m

Judith and Brian can do these dates too. I await hearing from you.  
 Keith

**From:** Horsley, David [mailto:David.Horsley@hants.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 29 June 2007 09:41  
**To:** Huntingford, Keith  
**Subject:** RE: Op Rochester

**Code C**

It's urgent.

David C. Horsley  
 H.M. Coroner  
 Portsmouth & South East Hampshire

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Huntingford, Keith [mailto:Keith.Huntingford@hants.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 29 June 2007 09:31  
**To:** Horsley, David  
**Cc:** Bernstein, Judith; Patterson, Brian  
**Subject:** RE: Op Rochester

**Code C**

David

I don't know how urgent it is to have this meeting but I will come back to you

with more dates when we and DoH are available and hopefully we can agree something.  
Keith

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**From:** Horsley, David [mailto:David.Horsley@hampshire.pnn.police.uk]  
**Sent:** 29 June 2007 09:20  
**To:** Huntingford, Keith  
**Subject:** RE: Op Rochester

**Code C**

Oh dear.  
The problem is that the Assistant Chief Constable is a very busy man.  
Any other suggestions ?  
David.

David C. Horsley  
H.M. Coroner  
Portsmouth & South East Hampshire

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Huntingford, Keith [mailto:Keith.Huntingford@hampshire.pnn.police.uk]  
**Sent:** 28 June 2007 12:52  
**To:** Horsley, David  
**Cc:** Bernstein, Judith; Patterson, Brian  
**Subject:** RE: Op Rochester

**Code C**

David

I am afraid they are not good.  
Keith

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**From:** Horsley, David [mailto:David.Horsley@hampshire.pnn.police.uk]  
**Sent:** 28 June 2007 11:58  
**To:** Huntingford, Keith  
**Subject:** FW: Op Rochester

**Code C**

Keith,  
Are any of these suggested dates any good ?  
I have Inquests but if we fix one of these dates quickly, I can get a deputy in.

David C. Horsley  
H.M. Coroner  
Portsmouth & South East Hampshire

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Code A [mailto:Code.A@hampshire.pnn.police.uk]  
**Sent:** 27 June 2007 11:44  
**To:** Horsley, David  
**Subject:** FW: Op Rochester

Mr Horsley

Further to our telephone conversation, I can confirm that both Mr Watts and Det Supt Dave Williams are free on either

Fri 27 July - from 10 am onwards  
Tues 31 July - all day free

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Kind regards

Code A

PA to Steve Watts, ACC (SO)  
Hampshire Constabulary

Code C

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**From:** Code A  
**Sent:** 27 June 2007 08:59  
**To:** Code A  
**Cc:** Williams, David  
**Subject:** RE: Op Rochester

Code A

Sorry for the delay but I was not of the county yesterday  
Dave Williams is shown free on both days suggested  
Thanks

Code A

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**From:** Code A  
**Sent:** 25 June 2007 15:53  
**To:** Code A  
**Subject:** Op Rochester  
**Importance:** High

Code A

Thank you for your help earlier today in accessing Det Supt Dave Williams calendar for me. The Coroner has asked if between us we identify a couple of dates when both Dave and Mr Watts are free to attend the Ministry of Justice in London with the Coroner. The Coroner has asked for these dates within the next 24 hours.

The original dates of 13<sup>th</sup> July or 16<sup>th</sup> July aren't any good for us but the following are possible dates for Mr Watts.

Could either yourself or someone else who has access to Dave's

calender check to see if these dates are any good for Dave and if not let me have a couple of dates I can pass on to the Coroner that are. The meeting in London is likely to be for approx 2 hours, so allowing for traveling time I guess we are looking for a 5hr slot.

Thanks for your help.

regards

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**Code A**

**From:** Williams, David  
**Sent:** 03 July 2007 17:03  
**To:** Code A  
**Cc:** Code A  
**Subject:** FW: Deaths of elderly patients at Gosport War Memorial Hospital, Gosport Hampshire

**From:** Bernstein, Judith [mailto:J. Bernstein@justice.gov.uk] **Code C**  
**Sent:** 22 June 2007 14:33  
**To:** Horsley, David  
**Cc:** Williams, David; Code C@justice.gov.uk; Karen Murray (E-mail)  
**Subject:** RE: Deaths of elderly patients at Gosport War Memorial Hospital, Gosport Hampshire

David, thanks for this. No problem in bringing Steve Watts and someone from your council although it might make finding a convenient date a bit more difficult!

Judith Bernstein  
 Head of Current Coroner Policy  
 Coroners Unit  
 Ministry of Justice

**Code A**

**From:** Horsley, David **Code C**  
**Sent:** 22 June 2007  
**To:** Bernstein, Judith  
**Cc:** david@justice.gov.uk; Karen Murray (E-mail)  
**Subject:** RE: Deaths of elderly patients at Gosport War Memorial Hospital, Gosport Hampshire

Thank you very much, Judith.

The Assistant Chief Constable of Hampshire, Steve Watts, has also expressed an interest in attending. He was involved in Operation Rochester from the very early days. I'm assuming there'd be no objection to this ?

I'd also like to ask along a representative of Hampshire County Council to attend, please, because of the potentially enormous resource implications of running 10, let alone 92, Inquests.

I look forward to receiving some suggested dates for the meeting. I agree that a 2-hour slot seems sensible. I'll co-ordinate attendance from this end. Please could you let me know who the attendees from the various government departments involved are likely to be ?

Best wishes,  
 David.

12/07/2007

David C. Horsley  
H.M. Coroner  
Portsmouth & South East Hampshire

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Bernstein, Judith [mailto: Code C]  
**Sent:** 20 June 2007 17:56  
**To:** Horsley, David  
**Cc:** Huntingford, Keith; Code C; Harris, Paul; Patterson, Brian  
**Subject:** Deaths of elderly patients at Gosport War Memorial Hospital, Gosport Hampshire

David

We spoke yesterday about this case. You had written to Paul Harris on 15 June indicating that you would be making an application to the Lord Chancellor under section 15 of the Coroners Act 1988 but now thought that there might be another course of action, perhaps a public inquiry.

I mentioned to you that I had spoken to Colin Phillips leads on inquiries and inquiries at the Department of Health (phone number: Code A). Colin is familiar indeed with the case and advised that DH had ruled out holding a public inquiry.

We agreed that it would be helpful to meet to discuss the case in the round and consider the most appropriate course of action. You would like to bring DS David Williams to the meeting.

I will have Keith Huntingford arrange a meeting here in the next few weeks. I would have thought it sensible to book a 2 hour slot but we may finish before then.,

Kind regards

Judith

Judith Bernstein  
Head of Current Coroner Policy  
Coroners Unit  
Ministry of Justice

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