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**Subject:** Complaint WILSON DM/137/06.

Chris..

Thanks for what you were able to dig out for me Friday..

It seems that Marjorie BULBECK was one of the original complainants to the PCA during 2002.. There is a letter from the DCC dated August 2002 when he discusses her complaint..

Presumably the death of her mother Dulcie MIDDLETON was one of the cases investigated by John JAMES.. Can you check the papers pre Sept 2002.. Should be in there somewhere..

Nigel NIVEN writes to Bob FORREST in April 2004 telling him that he is aware of issues raised by BULBEC (about the 1A categorisation and they are being considered elsewhere (presumably by Mathew LOHN) nothing in the papers that you gave me about the outcome of that...can you check further..

Are you able to confirm to me exactly what medical records were considered by the Clinical team.. And do we have any O/Rs or statements in from BULBEC?.

Finally can you try to establish Middleton's cause of death..

Thanks..DW.

P/S Draft attached of issues raised by complaint..



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Duty Report.

Detective Superintendent 7227 D.M.WILLIAMS.

C.7 Major Crime Department.

6<sup>th</sup> April 2006.

Re GM/137/06.

Chief Supt PEACOCK  
Professional Standards Department.

I have read the complainant Mr WILSON's letter of 28<sup>th</sup> March 2006 and deal with the issues raised in turn.

It seems that Mr WILSON represents Mrs Marjorie BULBECK daughter of Mrs Middleton (deceased).

Background.

Mrs Dulcie MIDDLETON 86yrs was one of 94 patients whose deaths have been the subject of police investigation under the umbrella of Operation ROCHESTER. In short it has been alleged that the patients died as a result of gross clinical and criminal negligence in terms of the care afforded to them at Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

Mrs MIDDLETON was admitted to Gosport War Memorial Hospital on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2001. she died 19 days later at Petersfield Hospital. Her medical history included left

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At the time Mrs BULBECK made a complaint to the Nursing and Midwifery Council highlighting nursing concerns in respect of:-

- Nursing management of nutrition and fluids skin care and continence.
- Information and communication.
- Attitudes towards patients and relatives.
- Who was accountable for care.
- Issues around the complaints procedure.
- Poor documentation relating to patient care.

The issues were considered via investigation and answered within a letter dated 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2002 penned by Acting Chief Executive Alan PICKERING.

In September 2002 Operation ROCHESTER, the third investigation into patient deaths at Gosport War memorial hospital commenced.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2002 Mrs BULBEC wrote to the Attorney General and the DCC imploring a full police investigation.

A panel of experts in toxicology, general medicine, palliative care, geriatrics and nursing examined all medical notes available in respect of all cases referred for criminal investigation. The purpose of this scoping review was to determine whether there was a sufficiency of negligence in terms of patient care to justify further criminal investigation. The panel determined in the case of Dulcie MIDDLETON that not only was the care afforded optimal but that death was through natural causes.

This assessment was quality assured and agreed by an independent legal/medico lawyer.

It was upon this basis that Mrs BULBEC was informed by letter from Detective Inspector NIVEN on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2004 that hospital care had not adversely contributed towards Mrs MIDDLETON's deterioration. The case papers were then forwarded to the GMC and NMC for their ongoing information.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2004 Mrs BULBEC wrote to DI NIVEN raising concerns in respect of the expert review these being forwarded to the expert panel for further consideration. There was no change in the findings of the panel after further deliberation.

#### Issues raised by Mr WILSON.

1. *Hampshire Constabulary have not concluded their investigation into Gosport war memorial hospital, the NHS refuse to discuss matters because of police requests not to disclose information.*

2. *Complaint regarding the conduct of the police investigation into death of Dulcie MIDDLETON.*
3. *Complaint regarding the police investigation from May 2004 and unwillingness to disclose information to support civil actions.*
4. *Little confidence in an expert report that was relying on incorrect information.*
5. *Not in public interest for police investigation to drag on the delay causing non-closure for families of deceased and unfit hospital staff to remain working.*
6. *Requests investigation to be extended to chief executive and administration issues particularly around hospital records.*