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As discussed and following our meeting with Mrs WOODLAND and Jim GRAHAM of 23rd January 2006..

As the senior investigating officer in respect of the necessarily lengthy and detailed police investigation into deaths at Gosport War Memorial Hospital during the 1990's may I take this opportunity to thank all healthcare staff for their unstinting co-operation and perseverance during what has been a demanding period.

A total of 94 cases have been investigated by the police since September 2002 a significant majority of those being released upon the basis that there was insufficient evidence to a criminal standard to justify further criminal investigation.

Many of the issues raised during the investigation were also examined and reported upon by the Commission for Health Improvement during 2002.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure affected healthcare staff that the police investigation draws to a close all but a few key statements having been taken.

I am reluctant to detail timescales given that final determination of the investigation remains outside the immediate influence of Police. Evidential medical experts are to complete immensely detailed reports in respect of the final few cases and the CPS need to consider the evidence in its entirety before determining the outcome.

I continue to be disappointed by the tenor of the local news reports and the unhelpful headlines which patently do not reflect the ongoing co-operation and professionalism of healthcare staff in assisting the investigation.

Please be assured that as soon as I am able I will provide a further balanced update to those affected and the media.

Yours Sincerely

***David WILLIAMS
 Detective Superintendent.***