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**Code A**

**From:** Williams, David M  
**Sent:** 16 February 2006 17:06  
**To:** **Code A**  
**Cc:** **Code A**; Niven, Nigel  
**Subject:** FW: CC's ref 167.06

For Info..

Nigel. Could you please obtain a copy of the reply and if appropriate arrange for the action to be completed.

Thanks.DW.

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**From:** Williams, David M  
**Sent:** 16 February 2006 17:04  
**To:** ACPO Mailbox  
**Cc:** Niven, Nigel  
**Subject:** FW: CC's ref 167.06

Dr EDMONDSTONE suggests that the circumstances of the deaths of 94 patients at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital represent a minor inconsequential misdemeanour in line with several other nationally reported incidents recently..( none of which seem to have any bearing on the Gosport investigation)

I have attached a note from the officer currently dealing with the writer **Code A**

Sir,  
*My apologies. I do not have any Rochester paperwork with me at present and am unable to get on to a HOLMES terminal however I can tell you that I obtained a statement from Dr. Edmondstone at his H/A with regards to Sheila Gregory. This is statement 390A. I was due to see him on Wednesday 15th inst. For a further statement. When I called him he was pleasant and very compliant as he was when I obtained 390A. When I visited him on 19/12/05 we had a convivial conversation which bears no relation to the subjects cited in his letter to the Chief Constable.I am surprised at this . He voiced none of the concerns which he now so obviously has regarding policing in Britain.*  
Murph.

*Holmes research:- Consultant Physician has provided 2 statements - 1 each for Elsie Lavender and Sheila Gregory S390 & S390A. Was due to be seen for further statement for Gregory. Geoff Quade has had some email contact with him.*

I have discussed with **Code A** who has not had a problem with Dr EDMONDSTONE.

I suggest that we reply to the effect that a long running investigation into the circumstances surrounding the deaths of 94 patients at Gosport War Memorial Hospital between 1990 and 2000 is about to draw to a close, the co-operation having been sought and achieved from over 600 healthcare professionals who have provided witness statements..

In the majority of cases the healthcare afforded to patients has been found to be either fully optimal or sufficient to fall short of criminal negligence. As a consequence these cases have been referred to the General Medical Council or the Nursing and Midwifery Council for their final disposal. The police investigation has run alongside healthcare reviews conducted by the Commission for Health Improvement and the Chief Medical Officer.

Less than 10 per cent of the cases remain under investigation which is expected to conclude in

terms of taking witness evidence by April 2006.

I would ask that Dr EDMONSTONE reconsider his position in respect of the GREGORY case and will arrange for an officer from the investigation to make final contact with him to discuss the way forward.

Thanks.DW. Det Supt..

(Any further re this to DI NIVEN please.. I am now on leave abroad until 28.2.2006.)

**From:** Williams, David M  
**Sent:** 10 February 2006 08:02  
**To:** Code A  
**Cc:** Code A  
**Subject:** FW: CC's ref 167.06

Code A

Please register..

Code A

A few explanatory lines to me please via E mail please..

Thanks.DW.

**From:** Code A  
**Sent:** 09 February 2006 11:22  
**To:** Williams, David M  
**Subject:** CC's ref 167.06

D/Supt Williams

Your comments are invited - please email to the ACPO mailbox in order a response can be prepared for the CC to consider.

Many thanks

Sue



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Code A

Management Assistant to Paul Kernaghan CBE QPM  
Chief Constable

Code A or 79- 1201

Code A

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Winchester

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5 February 2006

FAN  
d/Supr  
W. Williams  
HF (310)

Dear Mr Kerraghan

I am due to be interviewed as a witness of fact by a **Code A** on 15<sup>th</sup> February, in connection with the long-running investigation of unexpected deaths at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital. I now write to explain why I no longer feel able to co-operate with the police in this matter, and to voice my concerns about the direction policing in this country has gone over the last few years.

Code A

I have read, with mounting incredulity and dismay, of a series of inappropriate, frankly stupid, prosecutions or police investigations. Here is a selection of some recent absurdities:

Lynette Burrows: "investigated" and cautioned by police for saying on the radio that she considered it inappropriate for homosexual couples to adopt children.

Maya Evans: prosecuted for standing by the Cenotaph without a permit and reading aloud a list of British servicemen killed in Iraq since 2003.

The Oxford undergraduate who was arrested and charged for asking, in jest, a mounted police officer if he knew his horse was gay.

The Norfolk farmer who received no response to his complaint of theft of agricultural machinery but who was tackled by police in no less than three squad cars and given a notice of intended prosecution after a complaint that mud from his tractor had fouled the road.

In contrast to this nonsense note the failure of the Metropolitan Police to arrest a single demonstrator during the "Muslim cartoon" protests in London on Friday. Not only did the police turn a blind eye to placards and chants inciting violence and hatred (and to young men dressed apparently as suicide bombers), but also it transpires they attempted to prevent journalists photographing the demonstrators. One can understand the desire to avoid inflaming further a volatile situation with the risk of escalation of the situation into a race riot. Ironic, though isn't it, that the Met had no such qualms about dealing with the Countryside Alliance pro-hunting demonstration in Parliament Square 18 months ago. That was broken up with the utmost brutality, I

recall. It seems that beating white women over the head with truncheons is fair game, but the same treatment cannot be meted out to ethnic minorities, particularly Muslims. The above, taken with the calamitous shooting of John Charles de Menezes, and the Met Police Commissioner's recent outrageous gaffes, have seriously undermined the confidence of many of the silent majority of this country in the police "service". Quite frankly the police seem to have completely lost the plot. They seem to be more interested in embracing community minorities and showing racial and sexual diversity and other right-on ideas (wasn't it Notts. Police who were required to wear a green buttonhole ribbon to express their solidarity with the Muslim community?) – than in upholding the rule of law and protecting the public. Prosecution of those who express personal opinions about sexual or religious matters seems to be a priority – but of course the hypocrisy of the whole thing is highlighted when it is Sir Iqbal Soqaranie who publicly condemns homosexuality. That had the politically correct Thought Police hoisted on their own petard!

Frankly the quiet, respectable silent majority has had enough. We want a return to fair, even-handed but tough policing by intelligent officers who have the wisdom, maturity and initiative to know when to turn a blind eye to a minor and inconsequential misdemeanour, and when to take robust action when appropriate. This is what used to happen in the days when there was a Police *Force*, not a Police Service; a time when officers were agents of the law, not social workers in uniform.

I accept that the blame lies principally at the door of the politicians – which is why I shall send this letter to the Home Secretary. But many of the idiocies referred to above are attributable to police officers who have the discretion to implement in a sensible way the laws passed by Parliament.

I look forward to having your response and explanation. In the meantime I have no wish to assist the police any further in its enquiries over the Gosport War Memorial.

Code A<sup>ly</sup>

Dr W. M. Edmondstone