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Media services.

On Sunday 21st August I informed Mrs Gillian MACKENZIE that her case would not be investigated further by police and that the papers relating to the death of her mother Gladys RICHARDS would be forwarded to the GMC for their consideration.

It is likely that she will contact the Portsmouth News and other media..

Attached is an if asked release approved by ACCSO Steve WATTS.

Thanks.DW.



Hampshire Constabulary. Operation Rochester

Draft Media Release. 17.08.2005.

Hampshire Constabulary detectives from Operation Rochester investigating the deaths of 90 elderly patients at Gosport War Memorial Hospital before 2002 have announced that all but 15 of 90 cases have been released from police investigation.

75 families have been notified in writing by Hampshire Constabulary during the past 18 months that there is no evidence of criminal culpability in respect of their individual cases. Many of these cases have been referred to the GMC for their consideration.

Detective Superintendent David Williams said: "We are committed to investigating the remaining complaints and continue to receive considerable co-operation from the Fareham and Gosport Healthcare Trust in facilitating interviews with staff."

"We have engaged in a process enabling issues to be incrementally and fully considered by the Crown Prosecution Service during 2005".

"Under the circumstances of continuing investigation it would not be appropriate to comment further in respect of individual cases"

Notes for editors.

1. Operation Rochester is an investigation into a number of deaths at Gosport War Memorial Hospital before 2002.
2. Relatives who made complaints to Hampshire Constabulary have been kept informed with regular letters and a newsletter updating them on the progress of the inquiry.
3. Each case referred to Hampshire Constabulary has been examined by a panel of eminent national experts in the fields of palliative care, geriatric care, general practice, nursing and forensic toxicology in association with the case investigation officers.
 - a. That investigation showed that in a number of the cases they were content that the treatment that the patient received while at the hospital was appropriate and did not cause them concern.
 - b. It also showed there were a number of cases needing further examination of the circumstances of the death before any formal conclusion could be reached. The vast majority of work has been

completed around those cases, which have now been referred to other regulatory bodies.

4. A medical lawyer quality assured those decisions and conclusions before any relatives were approached with the details of their cases.
5. The investigation team has liaised closely with the health authorities the Nursing & Midwifery Council and the General Medical Council throughout this investigation and continue to do so.

End

1930hrs 17.08.2005.

Dave WILLIAMS. Det Supt.