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From: Watts, Steve
Sent: 09 October 2003 09:43
To: Niven, Nigel; **Code A**
Subject: FW: letter

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Nigel/ **Code A**

Just as we were talking about it - I get a letter from Sir Liam. My draft response is below.

Hopefully we will soon get a copy of the Baker Report.

I will ask **Code A** to get any response to my letter and other communication to you when I am away in Aus.

Regards
 SW

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

From: Watts, Steve
Sent: 09 October 2003 09:41
To: **Code A** (PA-ACC SO)
Subject: letter

As discussed;

Dear Sir Liam,

Gosport War Memorial Hospital

Thank you for your letter dated 3 October 2003, concerning the report prepared by Professor Richard Baker in respect of deaths at Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

I am reassured that there is to be delay in any publication of the report. A publication of such a report could have, a potentially significant impact on the criminal investigation, and I would certainly need to view the report and have the opportunity to comment upon the potential effect before any publication was made.

I can confirm that it will be critical to our investigation to receive a copy of that report to consider in the context of our ongoing enquiry. I fully appreciate the sensitivity of such a report and can confirm that it will remain totally confidential to the investigation. It will not be copied, either in totality or extract to persons outside the investigation team, and only for the explicit purposes of the investigation.

For clarity, the 'investigation team' includes myself, Police Officers acting for me, and a small number of clinical and legal experts subject of contracts that include confidentiality clauses.

I note that Dr Simon Tanner of the Strategic Health Authority will be provided with a copy of the report. I have recently briefed him and senior colleagues in respect of the current status of our investigation and the future strategy. I would be more than happy to provide a similar briefing to yourself, if you felt that would be helpful.

I hope that you are reassured by my comments as to confidentiality. If you are content, I would be very grateful if you could indicate when, and in what circumstances we can obtain a copy of the report. I am happy to send Officers to collect it personally if you feel it necessary.

Yours etc.