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Dear Lesley

I am writing in confirmation of our telephone conversation of the 5th July concerning our investigation into deaths at Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

I can confirm that we need copies of the relevant notes concerning the below named:

1) Eva PAGE	Code A	Died: 03/03/98
2) Brian CUNNINGHAM		Died: 26/09/98
3) Robert WILSON		Died: 18/10/98
4) Alice WILKIE		Died: 21/08/98

I can confirm that all four died at Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

I can further confirm as per our conversation the rationale for requesting the notes on these further deaths.

As you are aware the advice from the Crown Prosecution Service and Senior Counsel has been delayed. This advice relates specifically to the death of Gladys RICHARDS.

In our various divisions with the CPS, Counsel and our expert advisors we have sought to identify what general principles which may be extrapolated from the RICHARDS case may be applied to others. The rationale for exploring the general principles is to enable us to



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determine whether or not the police investigation should broaden its scope or whether or not there are insufficient grounds to widen our enquiry.

I am extremely conscious of the delays to date and want to expedite the examination of a small sample of other deaths which, from the information we currently hold, appear similar to the circumstances surrounding Gladys RICHARDS death.

You will appreciate that if we can complete a detailed analysis of those other deaths whilst awaiting the advice from CPS we are saving considerable time. It would be my aim to complete the analysis as soon as possible and then determine whether or not any circumstances give cause for further investigation once the advice is received.

I hope you will appreciate that we are not pre-judging the situation but simply endeavouring to maximise the information available to us to decide clearly and rationally whether or not the police investigation should proceed further.

I believe that this approach is in the interests of all the parties involved. If you need any clarification or a point of contact in my absence until the 18th July please contact DCI Paul CLARK direct on **Code A**

Thank you for your continuing co-operation. Perhaps you would advise in due course on whether or not you will continue as our point of contact or whether Ian PIPER will pick up that function in his role as Director of Operations.

Yours sincerely

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Detective Superintendent