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I am Kathryn Elizabeth ROWLES /N256 and I live at an address known to Hampshire Police. I have been employed by the Health Authority since 1994 and am presently the Director of Public Health with the Fareham and Gosport Primary Care Trust, Fareham Reach, 166, Fareham Road, Gosport /L102 . I was officially appointed to this position on 1st July 2002 (01/07/2002). Previous to this appointment I was the Nurse Advisor and Specialist in Public Health to the Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and South East Hampshire Health Authority.

During the morning of Monday, 16th September 2002 (16/09/2002) I attended a meeting with Ian PIPE R /N179 , Jane PARVIN /N138 , Jan PEACH /N254 , Lucy DOCHERTY /N227 and Sue GALLEY /N257 to discuss how we would manage and coordinate the media and other communications surrounding Professor BAKER's /N140 audit into the issues surrounding the Gosport War Memorial Hospital /C69 . The meeting was adjourned as Jane PARVIN and Lucy DOCHERTY had a prearranged meeting at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital that afternoon with staff to bring them up to date with the issues of this audit. It was agreed that the meeting would reconvene later that afternoon.

When the meeting was reconvened the same persons were present. Jane PARVIN then disclosed that a member of staff at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital had handed her a package of documents. I had brief sight of some these documents and can recall that there was a letter to or from Chris WEST /N137 included in the bundle. The documents were photocopied by Sue GALLEY and then handed back to Jane PARVIN who kept constant control of them. The contents of these documents were discussed and related to the use of diamorphine at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

The following day, Tuesday, 17th September 2002 (17/09/2002) I personally took an envelope containing what I believed to be copies of the original documents and handed them to the Director of Public Health, Simon TANNER's secretary /N195 at the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Strategic Health Authority, Oakley Road, Southampton.

I did not have any knowledge of the existence of these documents prior to the 16th September 2002 (16/09/2002) and I was certainly not aware of any issues concerning the use of Diamorphine at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital until the media coverage last year and the launch of the CHI enquiry.