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# HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY

## MEMORANDUM

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<b>From:</b>	<b>Deputy Chief Constable</b>	<b>To:</b>	<b>Chief Superintendent D. Stevens</b>
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Derek,

Please find attached my correspondence to the PCA. Will you please liaise with Detective Chief Superintendent Watts, Chief Superintendent Johnston and Chief Superintendent James so that they are all advised as to our co-operation or the progress being made. The Terms of Reference re Mrs. Mackenzie are completely out of the blue. I thought that we had resolved this matter and I am finding it difficult to understand why we are conducting a reinvestigation into this matter. Are you able to enlighten me on this particular issue.

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Dear Alison,

**Gosport War Memorial Hospital**

Thank you for your letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2003 concerning the above PCA investigation and your appointment through ACC Mortimore of Avon & Somerset of Chief Superintendent David Johnston to conduct a review.

I was slightly surprised at the delay that seems to have occurred as I was firmly of the view that this decision had been made many months ago. You will recall that we met on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2003 and gave you a full briefing of the current stage of the enquiry into the Gosport War Memorial Hospital. At that time you made proposals to find a Detective Chief Superintendent to undertake a review of the decisions made by Detective Superintendent James, where appropriate. I have no recollection of us discussing a further investigation into the complaints made by Mrs. Mackenzie which have already been subject of supervision by the PCA with officers being appropriately dealt with in accordance with your determination.

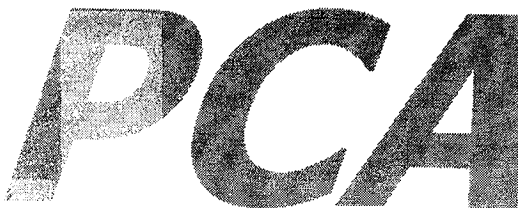
We sent the Clacher report to Chief Superintendent David Johnston on 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2003. In furtherance of the discussions with you on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2003. I am sure that you will understand my concern that two months appear to have now elapsed and only now do we have a formal agreement that the review will progress. I suspect that this is going to cause considerable interest in the local press and I will ensure that all enquiries are forwarded to your office as appropriate. I will also advise Chief Superintendent James, as well as the current investigating team led by Detective Chief Superintendent Watts, of this development. If you require any further detail. Please do not hesitate to ask. We will give full co-operation by the review being undertaken by Chief Superintendent Johnston.

Yours sincerely,

I.R. Readhead  
 Deputy Chief Constable  
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Dear Mr Readhead,

**Gosport War Memorial Hospital**

As you are aware, I have been liaising with ACC Mortimore of Avon and Somerset Constabulary to ask them to consider reviewing the investigation.

I am pleased to say that they have now formally agreed to do so. Chief Superintendent Dave Johnston, head of CID, will conduct the review and he proposes to:

- a. Examine the actions taken, and the investigation conducted following the original report in 1998 by Mrs MacKenzie; and to consider whether the response with the known information at the time was appropriate.
- b. To further review the wider inquiry conducted by D/Superintendent James between May 2001 and January 2002, and advise on the appropriateness of that investigation, given the information known at the time.

Chief Superintendent Johnston hopes to begin his review during the first week of December 2003.

Yours sincerely

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**ALISON MacDOUGALL**  
Authority Member