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14, Chester Courts,
Jamaica Place,
Gosport.
PO12 1TB
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Dear Sir,

I wish to make a formal complaint against a Detective Superintendent John James who is based at the Major Incident Complex, Police Station, Kingston Crsecent, Portsmouth PO2 8BU. The grounds for my complaint are that he did not investigate, although he had full knowledge of the case, the circumstances of my mother's death, a Mrs. Edna Irene Purnell, whilst she was a patient at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

This I consider could well be regarded as neglect of duty in light of the fact that I possess letters (copies enclosed) to the contrary stating that there would be an investigation and that I would be interviewed.

No explanation was forthcoming as to why my complaint was totally ignored and in view of this I have outlined below the basis of my complaint against the officer mentioned above in paragraph one.

1. Letter from Detective Chief Inspector Ray Burt states categorically that there would be an investigation and that a member of the enquiry team would contact me very soon. This letter is dated 29th May 2001, nearly a year ago.
2. Letter from a Detective Chief Inspector Clark (although I wrote to John James) dated 24th August 2001. Three months later which states that it would be prudent that either he or one of his team talk to me personally. No one ever did.
3. Letter from Detective Superintendent John James states that he would be writing to me again in a few weeks to advise me of his intentions in relation to further investigations. This was dated 15th November 2001, nearly another three months later. He never did write to me about what his intentions were regarding any investigations.
4. A meeting was held earlier this year at the Kingston Crescent Police Station and Mr. James admitted (about eight other persons were present at this meeting) that he had not investigated the circumstances surrounding the death of my mother and that he had no intentions of doing so.

I am fully aware that the P.C.A. upheld a Mrs. Gillian Mackenzies complaint against the Gosport police regarding the manner in which they had conducted this lady's original complaint that she had lodged against the Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

Papers concerned with the death of my mother (medical records, letters from the Portsmouth N.H. Trust etc) have been sent by me to the G.M.C. who have replied saying that they are looking into my complaint. They have given me a case number to refer to if needs be.

In closing this letter I have to say that it is with a heavy heart that I am making this formal complaint but I feel that I have been left with no other choice because it does seem as though my complaint with respect to the death of my mother has been disdainly brushed aside.

Thanking you for taking the time to look into what I have said.

Yours sincerely,

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Intentions were to send a copy of this letter with a covering note to a Mr. Duncan Gear of the Police Complaints Authority but I will hold back from doing so until I have heard from your goodself.