

## MINUTES OF MEETING

In attendance:

Ann Alexander (AA)

**Code A**

Location: **Code A**

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> October 2002

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### **Meeting Commenced: 16:10**

AA – Thanked **Code A** for their work last week in Gosport.

**Code A** – explained the chronologies that had been compiled following the statements that had been taken last week in Gosport.

AA – clarified that we now had 19 clients, new client's had come to us through the help line that has been set up by the Health Authority.

**Code A** – clarified the symbols on the chronologies.

AA – suggested that a document reference number is also included on the document.

**Code A** – notes from the statements that most people want someone to be held accountable at Gosport War Memorial Hospital and that Dr Barton is struck off.

AA- queries the current position of the police investigation.

**Code A** explains that the correspondence indicates that the investigation has closed however Emily Yeates and Gillian McKenzie note that they have spoken to the police and they have been informed that information has been passed over to the CPS.

The complaints have been a mixture against John James and also re: Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

AA – noted that a public prosecution could be stopped by the DPP.

**Code A** queried whether it applies to all matters or not.

[Code A] stated that no correspondence was ever cross referenced between agencies.

[Code A] queries the current position of Jane Barton.

[Code A] noted that Dr Barton has recently returned to work at her GP's surgery.

AA and [Code A] – agree that [Code A] will lead this matter

AA- asks why the client's have not been given access to independent medical reports.

[Code A] explains that this is because of the 3<sup>rd</sup> party disclosure objections.

[Code A] notes that there may be a public law object to help us gain access to these reports.

AA and [Code A] – then discuss the similarities between this and the matters arising in relation to Eastbourne Hospital. It is suggested that the common thread is the use of drugs within the hospital.

AA – suggests that [Code A] send the new enquires regarding Gwent and Royal Devon Hospital to Louise Hickman in Solihull.

[Code A] discuss the use of morphine in hospitals in general. [Code A] explains that morphine is a controlled drug and has to be signed by a doctor and 2 nurses need to administer it, at least 1 of them must be qualified.

AA – suggest that there may be a possible clinical negligence claim for Mr Ripley. It will be necessary to find out if Mr Ripley is legally aidable and whether he has insurance.

AA – notes that Professor Baker will be attending Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

AA and [Code A] clarify that the client's relatives have all died between 1993 and 2000 and that it is likely that more clients will come forward as the papers become saturated.

AA – states that they will need to clarify with the police precisely what their position is before the public meeting next week.

[Code A] – suggests that it would be useful if someone looked at the register of deaths for information relating to people who have died at Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

AA and [Code A] agree that [Code A] should do this.

AA and [Code A] agree that [Code A] will write letters to the police and the GMC and ask for a reply immediately. [Code A] will assist [Code A] with this task tomorrow.

AA [Code A] discuss the possible rooms for the public meeting and press conference on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> November.

AA [Code A] agree that [Code A] will

- a. Organise the venue for the meeting and negotiate the rates of the room.
- b. Get as much information in the papers as possible
- c. Organise the press conference

AA confirms that the public meeting will be held at 7pm. The time of the press conference is likely to be at 8am, although this will be confirmed once [Code A] has looked into this.

AA- suggests that a presentation by [Code A] would be extremely useful for the client's.

**Meeting ends at 17.15**

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### Actions as result of Meeting

- To draft letters to GMC, Police, client's with [Code A]
- To call Professor Baker to ascertain when he will be visiting Gosport.
- [Code A] - To attend the Registry at Gosport on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2002.
- To send details re: 2 client's to Louise Hickman
- To arrange room for public meeting and press conference.
- To arrange press conference for Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November
- To submit information to the local papers.

**Code A** - to add document reference to chronologies