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Mrs. R.E. Carby

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Dear Mrs. Carby,

Thank you for your letter dated 16th August, 2002 concerning the sad death of your husband at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital on 27th April, 1999. You are clearly already aware of the CHI Report and also the fact that the Police have submitted evidence to the Crown Prosecution Service. We are of the view that it is not in the public interest to bring any charges against individuals at the hospital at this time. Having obviously looked closely at the evidence, and as you will no doubt be aware, it would need to be very persuasive in nature if it were to prove that doctors at the hospital had been criminally negligent.

Nonetheless, I am currently in correspondence with a number of other persons concerning this matter and am seeking to re-submit all the evidence to the Crown Prosecution Service, along with other police reports and the CHI Report. When I have the response I will obviously liaise with you again. Please contact me if I can be of any other assistance in the interim.

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I.R. Readhead
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