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Dear Mr Bradley

Re: Gosport War Memorial Hospital Inquests

I write in my capacity as solicitor for Hampshire PCT (the PCT) in respect of the inquests which are due to commence on 18 March. You have, to date, been in correspondence with Mr Stuart Knowles (of Mills and Reeve) who represents Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust (the Trust) and he has been kind enough to keep me apprised of developments. However, whilst I attended the Pre Inquest Review (PIR) Meeting which was held on 19 January 2009, I have not formally written to notify you of my involvement and do so now.

As promised at the PIR I now enclose a copy of the organisational chart that my client has been prepared. I am sorry it has taken so long to prepare this and forward it to you. You may recall that I had suggested the chart as a means of assisting the Jury and the family in understanding the NHS structure in place at the time of the deaths in the 1990's and in understanding also, the dates those organisations ceased to exist and where staff and services transferred to. For your information, the PCT has provided a copy of this document to the BBC who are showing a particular interest in the matter.

Whilst I do not anticipate there will be much by way of additional documentation, if there is anything that I think would assist with your inquiries I will come back to you. I anticipate being in a position to do so early next week and again apologise for not being in a position to confirm the position to you at this stage – as you will no doubt appreciate there are a number of boxes with documents some of which post date the period of the inquests and I do not wish to bombard you with documentation that is not relevant.

In the meantime, I am instructed by my client that a BBC journalist has informed them that it is likely that Mr Horsley will be holding an inquest into the death of Mrs Gladys Richards. I am not sure if you know anything about this and if you do I wonder if you could be good enough to let me know what the position is.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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