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**From:** Code A  
**Sent:** 20 April 2009 17:54  
**To:** Code A  
**Subject:** RE: BBC NEWS England Hampshire Drugs led to deaths of patients

Thanks - these were updated from our previous press lines (which also used the D word.)

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Ok - will let him off this time

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On this occasion it is the statute and not Brian which uses the word desirable! I would NEVER use the word desirable otherwise!

Section 15(2) reads as follows:

"...the SoS may, IF HE CONSIDERS IT DESIRABLE TO DO SO, direct the coroner making the report ... to hold an inquest into the death"

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Code A - this is all in Brian-speakn can we make it read a bit better? That would desirable is used!!!!!!

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Here are our lines

- \* In June 2007 the Portsmouth and South East Hampshire Coroner first reported to the Secretary of State (under section 15 of the Coroners Act 1988) the facts about seven deaths which occurred at Gosport War Memorial Hospital over a number of years where the bodies had been cremated.
- \* In the light of the facts, in February 2008 the Secretary of State decided that it was desirable that inquests should be held into these seven deaths and directed the coroner to hold them.
- \* The Coroner is an independent judicial officer and MoJ cannot comment on the verdicts of the inquest jury in these cases
- \* Inquests verdicts cannot determine criminal or civil liability on the part of a named person (rule 42 of the Coroners Rules 1984 Rules).
- \* It is a matter for Hampshire Constabulary whether they investigate further in the light of the inquest verdicts
- \* The legislation relating to section 15 cases will be updated in the Coroners and Justice Bill: the criteria will remain the same but the final decision in a reformed system will be taken by the Chief Coroner."

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