

Code A

From: **Code A**
Sent: 03 February 2009 11:24
To: **Code A**
Cc:
Subject: FW: FW: FW: Re: FW: Request for Transfer : MC Ref 223550 - Mark Hoban MP - PO375969 - Rejected - Please can we have a contribution - Accepted - Copy of Reply
Attachments: PO375969 - Final Reply.tif; contribution to DH reply to Mark Hoban MP 23-12-2008.doc

FYI. Worth saving into TRIM I think with the other Portsmouth stuff.

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-----Original Message-----

From: **Code A** @dh.gsi.gov.uk] On Behalf Of MB-Ministerial-Transfers@dh.gsi.gov.uk
Sent: 03 February 2009 10:42
To: **Code A**
Cc:
Subject: Re: FW: FW: Re: FW: Request for Transfer : MC Ref 223550 - Mark Hoban MP - PO375969 - Rejected - Please can we have a contribution - Accepted - Copy of Reply

Dear **Code A**

Please find attached a copy of our reply to Mark Hoban MP.

(See attached file: PO375969 - Final Reply.tif)

Hope that helps.

Kind regards

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Subject

FW: FW: Re: FW: Request for
Transfer : MC Ref 223550 - Mark
Hoban MP - PO375969 - Rejected -
Please can we have a contribution -
Accepted

Hi **Code A**

Our official asked to see a copy of the final version of this letter. I would be grateful if you could email a copy direct to **Code A** please?

Many thanks

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-----Original Message-----

From: **Code A** @dh.gsi.gov.uk]

On Behalf Of MB-Ministerial-Transfers@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Sent: 30 December 2008 16:15

To: **Code A**

Subject: RE: FW: Re: FW: Request for Transfer : MC Ref 223550 - Mark Hoban MP - PO375969 - Rejected - Please can we have a contribution - Accepted

HJ **Code A**

Thanks for the contribution. We will now take on the case to answer.

Kind regards

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29/12/2008 11:50

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Subject

RE: FW: Re: FW: Request for

Transfer : MC Ref 223550 - Mark

Hoban MP - PO375969 - Rejected -

Please can we have a contribution

Dear **Code A**

See the attached contribution from our official as requested. Our official also said that it might be helpful if they could see the final draft reply, for any further comment.

Regards

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-----Original Message-----

From: **Code A** @dh.gsi.gov.uk]

On Behalf Of MB-Ministerial-Transfers@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Sent: 19 December 2008 17:00

To: **Code A**

Subject: Re: FW: Re: FW: Request for Transfer : MC Ref 223550 - Mark Hoban MP - PO375969 - Rejected - Please can we have a contribution

Importance: High

Hi **Code A**

I have passed on what has been said below, but our officials would like to receive the contribution first, as they really need this to write the draft reply. Please can you let me know if this will be possible.

Hope you have a good weekend.

Many thanks

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18/12/2008 15:38

cc

Subject

FW: Re: FW: Request for Transfer

MC Ref 223550 - Mark Hoban MP -

PO375969 - Rejected - Please can we
have a contribution

Dear **Code A**

See the comments below from our official:

"We will of course provide any required lines to DH, but it would be helpful to see the terms of their draft reply first"

Perhaps if you could email your draft reply to me and I will forward it on to our official and they will add their contributions to it.

Let me know if this is ok.

Many thanks

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-----Original Message-----

From: **Code A** [mailto:**Code A**@dh.gsi.gov.uk]

On Behalf Of MB-Ministerial-Transfers@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Sent: 18 December 2008 14:22

To: **Code A**

Subject: Re: FW: Request for Transfer : MC Ref 223550 - Mark Hoban MP -
 PO375969 - Rejected - Please can we have a contribution

Importance: High

Hi **Code A**

Officials have said that we will accept this case if your department can provide a contribution for us regarding the background of the case as your colleague, Nick Matthews, has outlined below. Please can you let me know whether this will be possible.

Many thanks

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16/12/2008 11:38

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Subject

FW: Request for Transfer : MC Ref

223550 - Mark Hoban MP - PO375969

Rejected

Dear Code A

See the comments below from our official Nick. Could you ask your official to re-consider this case again in the light of the comments below from Nick please?

Many thanks

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From: Code A

Sent: 16 December 2008 10:15

To: Code A

Cc:

Subject: FW: Request for Transfer : MC Ref 223550 - Mark Hoban MP - PO375969 - Rejected

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And I'm afraid we will have to bounce it back to DH.

It is NOT about a police inquiry - there were 3 police investigations into events at the hospital before the coroner made a section 15 report to MoJ, which was approved and inquests are taking place in March 2009. Therefore we have not refused any request made to us in connection with these cases.

There have also been calls for a PUBLIC inquiry into the deaths. DH (Code A) are aware of this and we liaised with them at the time the s15 direction was given. Under the public inquiries legislation the Dept with

policy/operational responsibility must decide whether to hold one. In this case the call is for an inquiry into standards of care in an NHS hospital, not the coroner system, therefore it is for DH

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-----Original Message-----

From: Code A
 Sent: 16 December 2008 10:06
 To: Code A
 Subject: FW: Request for Transfer : MC Ref 223550 - Mark Hoban MP - PO375969 - Rejected

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This has been returned to us.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Code A
 Sent: 16 December 2008 09:16
 To: Code A (Strat St Hse)
 Cc: Code A
 Subject: FW: Request for Transfer : MC Ref 223550 - Mark Hoban MP - PO375969 - Rejected

Dear Code A

See the emails below. Could you re-consider this case and let me know whether you would accept this case please?

Many thanks

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-----Original Message-----

From: Code A [mailto:Code A@dh.gsi.gov.uk]
 On Behalf Of MB-Ministerial-Transfers@dh.gsi.gov.uk
 Sent: 15 December 2008 15:50
 To: Code A
 Subject: Re: Request for Transfer : MC Ref 223550 - Mark Hoban MP - PO375969 - Rejected

Hi Code A

DH have rejected this case and recommend that it is for your department to answer because it is concerning the MOJ's refusal to hold a police inquiry that was requested by the coroner, into deaths at Gosport War Memorial Hospital. DH cannot answer this.

(See attached file: DH Responsibilities.doc)

Kind regards

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Subject

Request for Transfer : MC Ref

223550 - Mark Hoban MP

<<MC223550 - Mark Hoban MP.PDF>> Dear Colleagues

Please see the attached Ministerial Correspondence and the comments below from MOJ official.

I would be very grateful if you could confirm within (3 working days) whether you are content to accept transfer of this case please?

Many thanks

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From: Code A
Sent: 10 December 2008 15:56
To: Ministerial Correspondence; Code A (Strat St Hse)
Cc: Code A
Subject: RE: TRIM Document : D08/375982 : MC Ref 223550 - Mark Hoban MP
: (Trim Folder MC08/6762)

Dear colleagues

We feel this is not for MOJ but should be referred to DoH for a response. Code A was the policy lead there who knew about this case.

Thanks

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Mark Hoban MP
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20 JAN 2009

Dear Mark

Thank you for your letter of 3 December to Jack Straw enclosing correspondence from your constituent [redacted] of [redacted] Code A

[redacted] Code A about an inquiry into the death of his stepfather.

Your letter has been passed to the Department of Health and I am replying as the Minister responsible for this policy area.

In August 2007, following the coroner's report to the Secretary of State for Justice under section 15 of the Coroners Act 1988, a meeting was held between the coroner and representatives of Hampshire County Council, Hampshire Constabulary, the Ministry of Justice and the Department of Health to discuss a number of issues surrounding the deaths of patients at Gosport War Memorial Hospital. It is our view, as expressed at that meeting, that, given the number and variety of investigations and inquiries that have already taken place, combined with the powers that the Coroner has to fully investigate all the issues surrounding the deaths, a further investigation now is likely simply to duplicate the work in hand and that already undertaken by, among others the police, the Health authorities, the Nursing and Midwifery Council, the General Medical Council and the Healthcare Commission.

We intend to await the outcome of the Inquests and then assess if there remain matters outstanding which require further resolution.

I fully appreciate that this is not a reply that your constituent will agree with, but I hope you will appreciate why we believe a full public inquiry now is not an appropriate way to proceed.

I hope this reply is helpful.

Ann Keen
[redacted]
Code A

ANN KEEN

Gosport War Memorial Hospital deaths – letter from Mark Hoban MP**MoJ contribution to DH reply**

In August 2007, following the coroner's report to the Secretary of State under section 15 of the Coroners Act 1988, a meeting was held between the coroner and representatives of Hampshire County Council, Hampshire Constabulary, the Ministry of Justice and the Department of Health to discuss a number of issues surrounding the deaths at Gosport War Memorial Hospital. At that meeting the Department of Health's view was that a public inquiry into the deaths was unnecessary because the doctor at the centre of allegations about improper conduct was under investigation by the General Medical Council. Inquests could take place once those investigations were complete. Moreover, the Department of Health felt that a public inquiry would be of limited value, given the passage of time since the events in question, and other enquiries and investigations which had been undertaken.

The Secretary of State subsequently gave a direction under section 15 of the Act for inquests to be held into the seven deaths that were reported by the coroner. A report in respect of an eighth death is currently under consideration.