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From: Code A
Sent: 08 January 2009 13:34
To: Code A @dh.gsi.gov.uk
Subject: FW: deaths at Gosport War Memorial Hospital
Attachments: 375969.pdf; 375969 Code A - GOSPORT DEATHS.doc

Thanks, Code A

I know the draft draws heavily on our contribution but, seeing it in context, I wonder whether it would read better to refer to 'this Department' rather than DH, as it is your Minister replying.

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

From: Code A @dh.gsi.gov.uk
Sent: 08 January 2009 12:19
To: Code A
Subject: RE: deaths at Gosport War Memorial Hospital

Hi Code A

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To

Code A /OIS/DOH@DOH

08/01/2009 11:59

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Subject

RE: deaths at Gosport War Memorial
 Hospital

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 [mailto:Code A @dh.gsi.gov.uk]
 Sent: 08 January 2009 11:47
 To: Code A @dh.gsi.gov.uk
 Cc: Code A @dh.gsi.gov.uk
 Subject: Re: deaths at Gosport War Memorial Hospital

Thanks for this Code A

Code A asked me to copy you in to this. As you will see we have a draft reply (drafted primarily from information provided by MOJ) but I've been asked to put together a background note for the Minister. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks.

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Correspondence Team for Phil Hope MP
 Minister of State for Care Services
 Department of Health
 Richmond House
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/DOH/GB

To

Code A /OIS/DOH@DOH

08/01/2009 11:38

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Subject

Re: deaths at Gosport War Memorial
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gsi.gov.uk> @justice.

11/12/2008 11:25

To MB-Ministerial Transfers/OIS/DOH@DOH

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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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Ministerial Correspondence Unit - Transfer Team
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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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The Rt Hon Jack Straw MP
Secretary of State for Justice and Lord Chancellor
Ministry of Justice
Selborne House
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3 December 2008

Dear Jack

I enclose a copy of a letter from **Code A** of **Code A**
Code A concerning the deaths that took place at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

You may be aware that the request for an inquiry into the deaths of ninety two patients at the hospital has been refused, despite pressure from a number of bodies. The Coroner will be conducting inquests into the deaths of several of the victims, including that of Mr **Code A** step-father.

Whilst I understand that the decision not to hold an inquiry was made following legal advice, I would appreciate any comment that you might wish to make on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Enclosure

Ministry of Justice

8 DEC 2008

From Phil Hope MP
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Mark Hoban MP
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Thank you for your letter of 3 December to Jack Straw enclosing correspondence from your constituent [redacted] Code A 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 NHS services in the South Central region.

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I hope this reply is helpful.

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