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You might be interested to know that following an inquiry from Colin Phillips at DH about the timing of these inquests, I rang the coroner's office - they have been opened and adjourned, but they are not likely to be held until the autumn.

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From: Horsley, David [mailto: **Code A**]
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> **From:** Horsley, David
> **Sent:** 16 April 2008 14:23
> **To:** **Code A**
> **Subject:** Gosport War Memorial Hospital Inquests

> Dear Bill,

> I'm sorry to have been on radio silence for some time regarding this matter but I've been awaiting the decision of Hampshire County Council as to how they want the Inquests to be handled.

> The decision has now been made that Andrew Bradley, the North Hampshire Coroner, should undertake the Inquests as my Assistant Deputy.

> I hope this isn't a disappointment to you. HCC felt that as Andrew is part time at Basingstoke and has recently retired from private practice, he would have the time available to do the inquests and is familiar with the local police, etc, etc. Andrew is quite content to take them over on that basis.

> At the end of the day, HCC puts a lot of support into the Coroners in the county and I can see the logic in their decision to have an "in house" solution.

> However, thank you very much indeed for your interest and wise counsel in this matter.

> All the best,

> David.

> David C. Horsley

> H.M. Coroner

> Portsmouth & South East Hampshire

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