

Code A

From: **Code A**
Sent: 02 June 2008 15:52
To: **Code A**
Subject: Gosport War Memorial Hospital

Dear **Code A**

Thank you for your message. I am replying on behalf of the Ministry of Justice Coroners Unit. I am very sorry to hear of your sad loss of your husband, and would like to express my sincere condolences.

I can confirm that the Secretary of State has ordered inquests into 7 deaths at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital where the bodies have been cremated and therefore no inquest could be held without his order. However, I should clarify that the Secretary of State does not have any investigative role or powers to intervene either in inquests or in police investigations. The evidence to be heard at the inquests and the witnesses to be called will be for the coroner to decide.

I understand from your message that **Code A** has already been in touch with the Independent Police Complaints Commission to query the police investigations. I am afraid the Ministry of Justice cannot comment on IPCC or Crown Prosecution Service decisions, though I understand that as with other bodies these decisions can be challenged by judicial review.

With deepest sympathy,

Yours sincerely,

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From: **Code A**
Sent: 02 June 2008 12:50
To: Coroners
Subject: Fw: Gosport War Memorial Hospital

Dear Sir, Further to our telephone conversation of this morning, I am forwarding to you the email I sent to Jack Straw today.

Code A is aware that all the evidence in her case, was not submitted to the Crown Prosecution Service. She was the first person to go to the police in 1998. There have been several complaints made to the PCA and IPCC instigated by **Code A**. All were upheld, particularly in her case of investigative failures. Please forward this communication to Jack Straw, and I would greatly appreciate acknowledgement of receipt of this email.

Thank you, **Code A**

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From: [redacted] **Code A**
 To: BlackburnLabour@hotmail.com
 Sent: Sunday, 1 June, 2008 7:17:11 PM
 Subject: Gosport War Memorial Hospital

Dear Mr Straw, I read in The Sunday Times (18th May, 2008) you have ordered an inquest into 10 suspicious deaths at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital. I have been involved in the previous investigations since 2000 when my late husband was wrongly diagnosed with a fatal stroke in Sultan Ward at that hospital. He had been taken in for 2 weeks rest and rehabilitation following a severe arthritis 'flare-up'. He was immediately put on diamorpine, and five days later was in a coma. I discharged him from that place when they said he had had a stroke and would not live the night. I had him transferred to Haslar Hospital, where they informed me he had suffered no stroke, but was dehydrated, and was in an analgesic coma. For the past 8 years, a group of us have been fighting for justice, and we have had delays, mistakes, inquiries, police involvement, etc... It now seems to me that there is almost a conspiracy to keep this hospital free from any scandal. Two weeks ago I was interviewed by BBC David Fenton in readiness for the inquest. David went through the whole episode with me, times, dates, etc. The lady who has 'led' our little group has been interviewed numerous times and is getting nowhere. She was not allowed to state her case to the BBC.

She is the one person who has more knowledge on the whole fiasco than any of us. All she got was MP Peter Viggers in The House calling her 'that woman from Eastbourne' May I give you her address, in the hope you can help her and the rest of us get this saga brought to an end. She is [redacted] **Code A** All local TV stations and local newspapers appear to have been stopped from telling the story.

Please will you look into it. I would be so grateful if you could assist us in any way.

I am [redacted] **Code A**
 I look forward in anticipation of a reply from you or your department. Thank you [redacted] **Code A**

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