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Apologies for the delay in replying to you.

I've just spoken to the Portsmouth coroner who confirmed that no date has been set for the Gladys Richards inquest. Indeed, the inquest hearing is some way off as the coroner has now referred the case back to Hampshire Police as Mrs Richards' daughter, Mrs Mackenzie, has raised concerns about the death. The coroner's view, however, is that this inquest is nothing like the other Gosport Memorial Hospital deaths, the inquests of which were heard last year.

Your line is fine.

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Any joy with finding out if a date's been set for the inquest into Gladys Richards' death? We've just had our first bit of Gosport correspondence of 2010 and as the resumed GMC hearing into Dr Barton's case begins next week I suspect we'll start getting a few more letters and possibly some PQs. It would be helpful if we could tell people when the inquest's taking place.

Our line will still be that while there are proceedings still under way - inquest, GMC hearing and appeal period if relevant - it's not appropriate for DH Ministers to comment on the whole Gosport War Memorial Hospital business.

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Happy New Year

We've heard that the GMC Fitness to Practise hearing in the case of Dr Jane Barton (Gosport War Memorial Hospital) is due to reconvene on 18 January for two weeks. This should conclude this part of the GWMH saga and will quite possibly prompt more PQs and correspondence about the whole case, the Baker report, whether there should be an inquiry etc etc

You'll recall that in response to FOI requests to see the Baker report and other GWMH documents we've said in the past that as various proceedings were still under way it would be inappropriate to release anything, we also referred to the further inquest into a Gosport death the Portsmouth coroner was going to hold. The last time I asked, you/your team confirmed that the inquest date hadn't been set. Do you know if this is still the case?

On a completely unrelated issue, is there anyone called **Code A** in MoJ? He's a distant cousin whose existence I only recently learned about and I was told that he was a civil servant somewhere in the legal/justice field.

Thanks

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