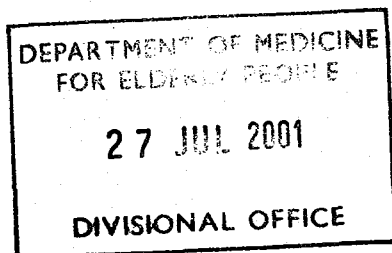


Portsmouth HealthCare NHS Trust
MEMORANDUM

From

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MEDIA ATTENTION GOSPORT WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL CASE

The CPS have completed their review of the police investigations at GWMH and have concluded that there is insufficient evidence for a criminal prosecution. We are still waiting for formal confirmation of this, but it has been verbally confirmed by the police.

In response to publicity following this case the police are undertaking "preliminary enquires" into 4 other cases at GWMH but only to reassure themselves that there is no need for any further investigation.

The line I have taken with the Evening News is:-

1. The last 2 years have been very difficult for all concerned.
2. The Trust will assist the police with the preliminary enquires, if asked.
3. The Trust has every confidence in the staff at GWMH and in the care they provide.

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