

Code A

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Dear **Code A**

Thank you for meeting with Jan Peach and me on Friday, 4th May, 2001 to explore your concerns about your father's death in Gosport War Memorial Hospital in October 1998.

As we explained when we met, your father, Mr. Robert Caldwell Wilson, was a very ill gentleman before he was admitted to Gosport War Memorial Hospital. Besides having broken his arm in a fall, he had congestive cardiac failure (causing fluid retention), liver damage and a degree of kidney failure. Whilst his sudden deterioration and death so soon after admission was not expected, his existing poor state of health meant that this was always a possibility. The seriousness of his condition was explained to his wife soon after admission.

As promised, I have written to **Code A** (copy enclosed) asking for her permission for you to have copies of your father's health record. If she agrees, as we discussed I would suggest that we arrange for you to go through the records with an appropriate clinician. I will write to you again on this matter in due course.

I hope our meeting helped to explain what happened and why, and set your mind at ease about your father's death. This was obviously a very difficult time for you all and we quite appreciate how the local news stories have upset and worried you. Mrs. Peach and I were very pleased to have the opportunity to talk to you both.

Yours sincerely,

Lesley Humphrey
Quality Manager

Silent copy to: Mrs. F. Cameron
Copy to: Mrs. J. Peach