

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL  
Mr. J. Watling,  
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Dear Jeff,

**Gladys Richards (deceased) - Police case, Gosport War Memorial Hospital**

I am writing to confirm the detail of my e-mail of 23rd November, 2000.

We have received a letter from Detective Chief Inspector Ray Burt requesting that we halt destruction of health records, including pharmacy records, until a decision is made by the Crown Prosecution Service - it is likely to be two to three months before a decision is reached.

This request refers only to records relating to all community hospitals (Gosport, Fareham, Petersfield, Havant and Emsworth) and Elderly Medicine wards at Queen Alexandra and St. Mary's Hospitals.

The police have asked for confirmation of our action and in response to this request we shall be advising them of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Lesley Humphrey  
Quality Manager