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Dear

Re: Operation Rochester: Expert Review

(Patient Name)

I write further to my letter of 2nd February 2004, where we notified you of our intention to inform you of the category to which we have assigned the case of your relation,). The work required to reach this decision has now been completed by our team of experts and I am writing to notify you of their findings.

In providing you with this information, may I also take this opportunity to remind you of the advice given to you by the Operation Rochester team and Alexander Harris, Solicitors regarding the prejudicial impact that media reporting may have on the investigation and on any subsequent Court proceedings.

During the review, the team of experts examined the records both individually and together at a multidisciplinary team meeting where they had an opportunity to discuss their conclusions. Following their analysis, the team have raised concerns about the care provided to (name of patient). We therefore need to undertake further work to understand the significance of these concerns and in particular to analyse whether they would amount to evidence of unlawful criminal activity.

As part of our programme of further work, we would wish to obtain a statement from you detailing your knowledge of the care and treatment received by (name of patient) at Gosport War Memorial Hospital. I will be asking a member of the Operation Rochester Inquiry Team to contact you in due course to arrange a convenient time to visit you.

I am sorry to have to inform you of this news and the uncertainty that it may cause. We are grateful for your ongoing co-operation and assistance with this difficult inquiry. If you have any questions arising from this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Nigel Niven
Deputy Senior Investigating Officer