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Dear Sirs,

Exceptional Funding – Gosport War Memorial Hospital

I wrote to you on 21 January about funding for families for these ten Inquests arising out of Deaths at Gosport. I understand from Blake Laphorn that the issue remains unresolved and I am somewhat concerned.

The Inquests are starting on 18 March and are listed for six weeks. Blake Laphorn are trying to work out who they are representing and on what terms. I am wondering what is going to greet me when I enter Court on the day.

Without representation the families, who are now themselves fairly aged, are going to be at a real disadvantage. This is particularly so where two/three/four of them are represented and the others are not.

I hesitate to mention the question of management of the proceedings because that is what I do but there is no doubt it will be much easier for me with representation.

Yours

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Andrew Bradley
HM Coroner