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To: Code A
 Subject: Gosport War Memorial Hospital Inquests

Dear Sarah,

You will know I have a court booked for these Inquests of which there are ten running concurrently. There is a lot of public interest and there are likely to be a large number of people to be accommodated. I had hoped to meet with Helen to look at the court and discuss what will be needed. It might help if I outline my concerns.

- 1 What arrangements are there for me to get into the building
- 2 Can I park securely
- 3 Have I an usher/jury bailiff
- 4 I have summoned my jury - do they assemble with your jury pool or in their own retiring room
- 5 Which court room have you allocated
- 6 Numbers will fluctuate throughout the hearing but I anticipate at the beginning and end we will have something in the region of 20 family members 10 advocates Press - no idea but there is a lot of interest - police plus me, my officer and the jury plus witnesses who are being summoned as they are required. Can we accommodate that bearing in mind it will not be throughout the hearing
- 7 Do you have recording facilities and what system do you run. Are there facilities for transcribing. If I need to do that how do we organise getting discs or whatever to transcribers
- 8 My officer will operate the equipment but he will need to have some instruction if it goes beyond an on/off switch

I know you are used to accommodating this kind of hearing but it is rather larger than I am used to and I need to get my brain in order and getting the venue in my mind would help.

My moves are quite difficult for the next couple of weeks. I am sitting in Basingstoke on 2 March Southampton on 3 and I have to go to Liverpool at lunchtime on 4 and I am there until Thursday evening then I am sitting in Basingstoke again on the Friday.

The following week I could do Tuesday 10 March but otherwise I am sitting Monday and Wednesday and then I am on a JSB course in Birmingham for the rest of the week.

We are then into the week of the hearing with the actual start on 18 March so it looks as though 10 March is the only day I can do and that is quite close to the hearing. Is Helen available then or is there someone else that can talk to me - can you do it?

Because of the nature of the Office I do not have an administrative machine behind me and have to sort arrangements myself

Let me know how we proceed.

Thanks

Andrew Bradley
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