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30 December 2008

By post & email: **Code A**

Dear Mr Bradley

**Gosport Inquests**

I refer to my letter of the 1 December and I wonder if you are yet in a position to reply?

I have spoken to DS **Code A** and arrangements are in hand to transfer the original medical records and the drug register back to the NHS. I would of course advise that they should be made available to any other Interested Party upon request.

I wonder if you will consider the points made previously.

- 1 Are you planning to have the medical records copied and paginated for the hearing?
- 2 I assume that you will require the drugs register. Please confirm.
- 3 Are you intending to rely on any other documents and if so is a bundle of documents anticipated?
- 4 Perhaps you would let me have your thoughts with regard to a further pre-inquest hearing. There are a number of issues which I believe could be usefully dealt with at such a hearing.
- 5 On my recent visit to Portsmouth I met a number of staff whose statements have been disclosed. It appears that they have not been notified of the date of the hearing. I am concerned about the availability of witnesses as I am aware that some holidays have been booked. What arrangements are being made to notify the witnesses and do you intend to issue a summons? Do you have particular dates in mind for witnesses to attend?
- 6 Perhaps you would be kind enough to confirm the venue for the inquest.

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I am grateful to you as always and of course if I can assist you in anyway you must not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

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