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Dear Mr Bradley

Gosport Inquests

I am grateful to you for confirming that you are happy to release the original medical records.

Am I correct in thinking that you are having them copied and paginated in readiness for the hearing? If not, then I can tell you that my client is intending to copy the originals as soon as they are returned and I can arrange for the NHS to have the complete medical records for each patient copied and paginated for the parties. Clearly, there would be some benefit in us working from single bundles with the same numbering system. I suspect the NHS would simply want to charge a copying fee for those other interested parties involved. Perhaps you could let me have your thoughts on this.

It has been agreed with my clients that the original notes will be held by the NHS and copies will be forwarded to this office. If you can arrange for the original medical records to be returned to Mary Deeks, Project Officer (GWMH) at Hampshire PCT, Omega House, 112 Southampton Road, Eastleigh, Hants, SO50 5PB, I would be very grateful.

Perhaps you would be kind enough to confirm the position with me.

I am visiting Hampshire during the course of this week to review the evidential state in this matter, with various members of staff and it may well be that points arise out of my meetings and I will be in touch again very shortly.

Would you have any objection to a further pre-inquest hearing? There are a number of issues which I believe the NHS would want canvassing at a hearing and indeed it may be helpful if a "batting order" could be roughly agreed so the witnesses knew when they were required to attend.

Finally, perhaps I could ask you confirm the venue for the inquest.

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As always, if you have any questions, or if I can assist you in this matter, then you mustn't hesitate to ask.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely

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