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By post and email:

Dear Mr Bradley

**Re. Gosport War Memorial Hospital**

I am a solicitor of the Royal College of Nursing (RCN). The RCN provides legal representation to RCN members, when legal issues arise in the course of their employment.

I understand that you will be holding an inquest into the deaths of 10 patients at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital, from 18<sup>th</sup> March 2009. At a pre-inquest hearing on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2008, you stated that you proposed to call the following RCN members as live witnesses:

- Sylvia Giffin
- Anita Tubritt
- Beverly Turnbull
- Shelagh Joines
- Gillian Hamblin

Sylvia Giffin is deceased. The others have instructed the RCN to represent them at the inquest. Please would you therefore note my interest in these proceedings?

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Thank you. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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