Bradley, Andrew

To:

David Fenton

Subject: RE: Gosport War Memorial Inquests

Dear Mr Fenton,

Thanks for that . It is probably not useful to meet until I have some indication of what I am doing with all this. I intend to hold a pre-inquest meeting as soon as I can when I should be able to identify the Properly Interested Parties, the witnesses to be called both of fact and professional, timescale venue etc.

At this stage I have only taken an overview and there may be a significant delay in the proceedings because of other proceedings - although I have not yet had confirmation of that. I have not yet had sight of the whole file nor have I had a chance to talk to the Officer in the Case

The only mugshots I have are here but you can certainly have one if you wish. Let me have details and I will send one on.

Andrew Bradley

From: David Fenton [mailto:

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Sent: 06 May 2008 11:45

To: Bradley, Andrew

Cc: David.Horsley

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Subject: Gosport War Memorial Inquests

Mr Bradley, I'm the Health Correspondent for BBC Television in the South and I've been talking to Mr Horsley about the forthcoming inquests into deaths at Gosport War Memorial Hospital. I gather it's likely to be a fairly large scale hearing - possibly lasting several weeks. Obviously there will be quite a lot of media interest so I wonder if I could ask you a couple of things in advance?

Firstly, do you have a photograph of yourself that we may be able to use during the hearings? If there is a stock shot available via the coroner's office that would be fine.

Secondly, would it be possible to meet with you briefly after Mr Horsley has opened the inquests - which I gather may happen next week. I will probably be the person assigned to cover the hearing, and we may well prepare a 'backgrounder' story for use after the hearing has finished. It would be very useful to be able to talk to you about a few procedural points before the inquests start - obviously we will not ask you anything about the evidence you are likely to hear. Just so you are clear, this information would be for our guidance only - and NOT for broadcast or publication.

If you feel you could spare half an hour to meet I'd be happy to come and see you at a convenient time.

I've copied Mr Horsley into this email so he is aware of our request.

Thanks for your help,

David Fenton, Health Correspondent,

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