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Dear Mr Waterson

Inquest: Mrs Gladys Richards:

Thank you for your letter dated 12 May 2009.

I have appraised Mrs MacKenzie both personally and through her solicitors regarding progress on this Inquest which is still in the early investigation stages. Mrs Richards' death involves somewhat different issues from the other Gosport War Memorial Hospital deaths.

Mrs MacKenzie has been made aware that in fairness to all the other bereaved families I have awaiting Inquests, her mother's case cannot be given special priority and that periods of silence on my part should not be interpreted as inaction.

I will keep her informed of progress via her solicitors but, for reasons they are aware of and accept, at the moment I cannot give a prospective date for the Inquest.

I trust this information assists you.

Yours sincerely

David C Horsley

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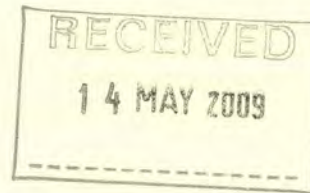


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MRS G MCKENZIE, Code A
RE: MRS GLADYS RICHARDS

Mrs McKenzie has contacted me in relation to the Inquest into her mother's death at Gosport Memorial Hospital. I understand that it has been agreed that you will personally be undertaking this Inquest.

I would be grateful to know whether a date has been set for this particular Inquest, and if not, when you envisage this will be done.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Nigel Waterson

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