

**Horsley, David**

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**From:** Horsley, David  
**Sent:** 27 May 2009 09:18  
**To:** 'White, John'  
**Subject:** RE: Gladys Richards dec

Dear Mr White,

I refer to your email of 27 May 2009 and attached copy letter. As stated previously, I have no control over the GMC regarding when it conducts its hearing. Indeed, it could be argued that any evidence it brings to light could assist my Inquest - if you disagree with this view, perhaps you could please explain the reasons why.

From the information I presently have concerning Mrs Richards' death, there would seem to be no grounds for me to hold her Inquest with a jury under the provisions of section 8 of the Coroners Act. Therefore, your second point does not appear relevant.

Even if a jury was to be summoned for this Inquest, it may already have been exposed to matters concerning deaths at Gosport War Memorial Hospital due to the publicity given to the proceedings of the recent Inquests relating to them. If you believe I am wrong in my assessment of whether I am legally bound to hold Mrs Richards' Inquest with a jury, no doubt you will fully explain your view to me.

David C. Horsley  
H.M. Coroner  
Portsmouth & South East Hampshire

-----Original Message-----

**From:** White, John [redacted] Code A  
**Sent:** 27 May 2009 08:07  
**To:** Horsley, David  
**Subject:** Gladys Richards dec

Hi!

Re Gladys Richards dec

Thank you for the email and we are grateful that you will make it clear to Mrs MacKenzie that she should communicate through ourselves.

We sent this letter through yesterday about the same point. Naturally your view is of considerable importance. Please can you consider the letter and indicate your view then we will pass this on to Mrs MacKenzie.

Many thanks

Best wishes

John

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