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Dear Sirs,

Inquest - Gladys Mabel Richards:

Further to the meeting held in my office on 12th December 2012, I am able to confirm the following:

- The Inquest hearing will take place in the Council Chamber, Portsmouth Guildhall, between 9th and 19th April 2013. The Council Chamber has a very large seating capacity and will have audio facilities for the hard of hearing.
- I will hear the Inquest without a Jury for the reasons explained at the 12th December meeting.
- I enclose a provisional timetable for the hearing of evidence.
- I am still waiting a report on the Nurse Code A present state of health.
- As a starting point for the evidence, I will take Mrs Richards' initial transfer to Gosport War Memorial Hospital on 11th August 1998 and will look at the events that then occurred up to her death on 21st August 1998.
- I will be dealing with evidence of Dr Lord and Flt. Lt. Edmonson by way of written statements under Rule 37 of the Coroners Rules, for the reasons explained at the meeting.

Yours faithfully,

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