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Dear Mr Bradley

**Gosport Inquests (Joint Instruction)**

I refer to my letter of 22 October.

Perhaps you would confirm that the police should release the original medical records back into the custody of the NHS. I do not believe the police have any power or authority to retain these documents, which do of course contain sensitive personal data.

It would also be of assistance for the witnesses to review the medical records prior to the inquest, to refresh their memories of events which will of necessity have faded over time.

I will of course advise the NHS that they will be required to make these notes available to your order at the hearing and clearly somebody will need to attend to admit them as evidence.

Are you intending that copy medical records should be available for all the parties and the jury?

I look forward to hearing from you and if I can assist in any way, do not hesitate to let me know.

Yours sincerely

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cc: Peter Mellor, Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust (by email)  
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