Sir Liam Donaldson Chief Medical Officer Department of Health Richmond House 79 Whitehall London SW1A 2NS

28th August 2003

Re: Gosport War Memorial Hospital

Dear Sir Liam

A letter from Ann Alexander is attached. I am writing to ask for guidance on how to respond.

I would be happy to meet with the families as requested, but you may have received legal advice about the publication of the report of the audit, which would be relevant to any meeting with the families. I will not reply to Ann Alexander until I hear from you.

Yours sincerely

Professor Richard Baker **Director**Clinical Governance Research & Development Unit

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