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Re: Gosport War Memorial Hospital Review

Dear Dr Jarrett

Thank you for your letter of 5th of December 2002. The information that you have provided is extremely helpful and I am grateful for all the time you have taken to compile it.

Some of the history of Gosport War Memorial Hospital has become familiar to me in recent weeks, but the material you have provided has filled in some important gaps. I am fully aware that the situation is complex and the interpretation of patterns and trends will be difficult. Consequently the details you have provided will be of great assistance.

I am unable to make any comment about the progress of the review at this stage. However, you mention in your letter two additional sources of information and offered to provide them if they would be helpful. The first concerns the data about death rates in the slow stream/stroke beds at Gosport War Memorial Hospital, Petersfield Community Hospital, St Christopher's Hospital Fareham and Elizabeth Ward at Queen Alexandra Hospital. The second was the criteria agreed with social services in 1994, as to who should be eligible for nursing home care and who should be eligible for NHS continuing care. I would be most grateful if I could see both of these items.

Finally, I should mention that the envelope in which your letter arrived was not sealed. It looks as though the envelope adhesive had failed. As far as I am aware, there has been no harm as a consequence of this problem, but I am sure you would wish to be informed.

Yours sincerely

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