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To: 'Baker, Prof R.'  
Subject: RE: Gosport review

Richard

My knowledge of community hospitals is pretty limited. I would have thought that most community hospitals admitting older people would be fair comparators. I'm not sure why so much is being made of the proximity of Haslar (though I suspect that it reflects a prejudice that military hospitals treat older people in some way differently) This must be conjecture. I'm not sure whether it would be a good or bad thing to choose local comparators, but beyond giving you a list of addresses, I don't think I could hazard a guess at their "comparability" with GWMH.

I think you need to discuss with the CMO about contact with the relatives. The issue is back in the news again following Anne Alexander's press conference on Monday. All seems a bit sensitive.

Simon

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From: Baker, Prof R. [mailto:Code A]  
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Simon

I am making some initial progress, but can I ask for your help on a couple of matters?

1. We need to identify the potential comparison community hospitals now. The systems for obtaining the data are more or less sorted, and we are close to making a start. Can you suggest community hospitals in the district/region that would be relevant to take into account? From the meeting with the PCT, such hospitals that were not far from military establishments would be one group (I think Plymouth was suggested, but am not certain about this). However, GP care and admission categories (as much as can be judged about these prior to detailed investigation) would be necessary to take into account also.

2. I have not met with relatives yet - there may be reasons why this should be delayed; however, my concern is that I would not want to be thought to be avoiding the relatives.

Hope all is well with you.

Richard Baker