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Sent: 03 June 2003 12:57  
To: Baker, Prof R.  
Subject: RE: Hospital Death Rates (2). URGENT

Richard,

Thanks for letting me know the codes. Unfortunately (as the spreadsheet reveals) these codes were not used to populate the Provider Code (PROCEDURE) data item of the dataset from which HES is derived. Of course, there is still a slight possibility that these codes were used to fill other data items, but even so, there is no guarantee that they have found their way into HES (i.e. because HES contains only a sub-set of the data generated by hospital systems).

We can, of course, proceed with the extraction of the data summarised in the composite spreadsheet, but you will have to accept that it may not be possible to differentiate the Portsmouth hospitals in the way you would like. As already discussed, the data can be provided on CD-ROM in CSV (comma separated value) format. In view of the large number of records (750,000 for the whole period) I strongly recommend that the data for each year is saved to a separate file. Of course, if you only require individual records for Portsmouth, this will reduce the amount of data quite considerably.

I shall be out of the office from this Thursday (5th June) and will not return until Monday 16th June. I am, however, available for the rest of today and tomorrow (Wednesday). Therefore, if you can let me have your instructions ASAP I may be able to progress this matter before my week away.

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Stephen

I have chased round various people in Portsmouth, and I hope now have some useful information about the codes for Gosport.

From 1 April 1994, the code for the hospital was RN405.  
From 1 April 1990 until 31 March 1994, the code was JC205.

I hope this helps; let me know if more details are needed. I shall look forward to receiving the data in due course.

Richard Baker

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-----Original Message-----

From: **Code A**

Sent: 30 May 2003 10:02

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Richard,

I am attaching a new spreadsheet that reflects the decision to drop the MH + MI specialties and has an improved layout (the 'Deaths' and 'Others' discharge method categories are now split into two sets of columns and there is a final column giving the percentage ratio). The new spreadsheet covers all ten years (there's a separate worksheet for each) and shows that there are approximately 75,000 records per annum within the selected group (i.e three quarters of a million over the full ten year period).

I have not taken any action yet on the data extract because, as the spreadsheet shows, the full five character hospital code does not appear to offer the desired differentiation for Portsmouth. While on the subject, have you been able to obtain any information from the hospital regarding their coding practice?

Please let me know ASAP how you wish to proceed, and whether you are now aware of any mechanism for isolating the Gosport records.

(See attached file: Gosport Composite.xls)

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