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**Subject:** Gosport War Memorial Hospital

Dear Drs Banks, Luszkat and Taylor

I refer to my telephone conversations with you all back in July when I contacted you about the inquests being opened by the Coroner into the deaths of ten or so patients from Gosport War Memorial Hospital back in the late 90s. I undertook to keep you updated with any information I received.

My understanding of the current situation is as follows. The Coroner (Mr Andrew Bradley) held a pre-inquest hearing on Thursday 14 August 2008. None of the NHS organisations involved were invited to attend. At that meeting, he determined ten witnesses would be called, none of which appear to be employees or former employees of Hampshire Partnership NHS Trust.

I do have a list of the witnesses he proposes to call and I will send these to you by NHSmail next week when I am next in the office.:

In due course the Coroner will decide what other witness evidence he will take under Rule 37, ie evidence that is taken in the form of written submissions.

The inquest will start on 9 March 09 and it is anticipated will last for 6 weeks. There will be a jury. The inquest will proceed without having to await the outcome of the GMC hearing. The inquest will proceed as one inquest but there will be conclusions reached in respect of each and every individual death.

At the moment, therefore, it looks as if you will not be required to give oral evidence. However, if you receive any communication direct from the Coroner or hear differently, please let me know asap.

I hope this provides you with sufficient reassurance at this stage but clearly I will keep in touch if I am aware of any change to this position.

Kind regards

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