



# Hampshire Constabulary

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Dear Mr Wilson

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

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| 1. Please can you confirm on what date in 1998, Gosport police were first made aware of allegations regarding the care given by Dr Barton and her medical team, to elderly patients at the Gosport war memorial hospital.                   | 1. 27.9.1998   |
| 2. Please confirm the dates in 1998, when at least 2 separate concerned relatives attended at Gosport police station to make official complaints regarding the care given to their individual relatives, by Dr Barton and her medical team. | 2. Hampshire Constabulary does not hold information in respect of 2 complaints in 1998. One complaint was received in 1998 – please see above. |
| 3. Please confirm, exactly what action, Gosport police took in relation to the allegations that were made regarding the deaths of elderly relatives, whilst in the care of Dr Barton and her medical team.                                  | 3. Three police investigations were instigated.  |
| 4. Can you confirm that a number of formal complaints were made to both the chief constable and the police complaints authority, regarding the handling of the allegations by the officers in charge in 1998.                               | 4. Confirmed.  |
| 5. Can you confirm that ALL these complaints were upheld and on what date.  | 5. PSD has confirmed that 3 complaints were made in 2001, 2006 and 2007 and 1 was upheld (2006).   |



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Yours sincerely

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