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Michael Wilson spoke today of his four year struggle to find the truth about his mother's last days at Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

The 91 year old lady died just a month after a hip operation.

Her son alleges she was given constant doses of morphine at the hospital instead being properly rehabilitated.

More than a dozen other relatives of elderly patients who died have made similar allegations about the use of morphine.

"I'm just pleased there is going to be a full inquiry which will be a satisfactory outcome for all. The hospital, the public in this area and for those of us whose relatives died when we didn't expect it because it should have been for re-habilitation."

The Gosport inquiry will be headed by Professor Richard Baker, the man who studied the records of Manchester doctor Harold Shipman.

The Department of Health say there's no suggestion of any similarities with the Shipman murder case. It's simply that Professor Baker is the best man for an inquiry into medical practices.

The move has been welcomed by Fareham and Gosport NHS Trust.

They say:

"We want to do everything we can to find some answers for the families, staff at the hospital and the community in Gosport."

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Professor Baker is expected to begin his investigation in a few weeks time. He'll scrutinise medical records, examine staff rotas and look in detail at the drug doses the elderly people were given before they died.

His appointment is a very significant move and the relatives are now hoping it will provide some answers to their very real worries and concerns about what went on here.

Nb A the War Memorial Hospital in Gosport for MT.