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There's been a dramatic development in the inquiry into death rates at a Hampshire hospital. Documents have come to light which show concerns about how drugs were given to patients at Gosport War Memorial Hospital, were raised as far back as 1991.

Kerry Swain's in our newsroom. Kerry what more can you tell us?.

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A third investigation into the deaths of 13 elderly people at Gosport War Memorial Hospital is underway

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led by the man who worked on the Harold Shipman inquiry - Professor Richard Baker. All the pensioners died in 1998 after being given morphine. Today the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Health Authority revealed that new information has come to light which includes internal documents highlighting concerns about drug prescribing practices dating back 11 years and

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these files have been handed over to  
Hampshire Police .

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What does the health authority have to  
say?

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Well it's announced that as a result of  
this new information two senior  
management figures are to step aside.  
The Chief Executive of East Hampshire  
Primary Care Trust Tony Horne

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and Ian Piper the chief executive of  
Fareham and Gosport Primary Care Trust  
have agreed to be temporarily  
redeployed to other duties. The health  
authority says it's committed to  
ensuring that all appropriate action is  
taken and this is likely to include  
looking at management decisions taken  
at the hospital.

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People will be concerned, what should  
they do?

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We've already seen the anguish suffered  
by the relatives of those who died at  
Gosport War Memorial Hospital and now

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it seems many more people are going to wonder about the deaths of their loved ones.

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The health authority has issued a telephone number Code A and says it will follow up the concerns of anyone who has not previously come forward.