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David Horsley LLB

Her Majesty's Coroner for Portsmouth

& S.E. Hampshire

7.11.08

Dear Sir,

Thankyou for your copy letter to Bindmans LLP dated 31 October. I am pleased to know that you will be writing to the Secretary of State for consent for an Inquest into my mother's death,

My mother was a patient at the Haslar Hospital from 29 July 1998 until 11 August when she was discharged to the Gosport War Memorial Hospital to give my sister and I time to find a suitable Nursing Home. She was ready for discharge several days sooner but we did not want her to go back to her previous Care Home. She was mobile, walking with a zimmer and pain free. On arrival at Gosport she was immediately given oramorph and was found the next day heavily sedated, Within 48 hours she had a fall from her chair - she was not examined thoroughly and it was not until approximately nine hours later that it was noticed that she had done something to her new hip. She was sedated overnight and X-rayed next morning. She had a dislocated hip and was then returned to Haslar. The hip was manipulated back into place but she was kept at Haslar from 14 August until 17 August because she was very dehydrated.

On 17 August she was returned to Gosport for up to 4 weeks - she was transported from the ambulance to her bed on a sheet ( see CHI Report) and was tipped off the sheet onto the bed with all her weight onto her new hip. She arrived at Gosport at 12 noon but was not x-rayed until nearly 4pm. My mother was alert and talking. She had NOT been returned to Gosport with bronchopneumonia. (confirmed by Haslar) During the waiting period she had been given TWO injections by Phillip Beed - not written up on the drug charts. She lost consciousness in the x-ray room. On the 18 August Beed informed Mrs. Lack and myself that my Mother had a massive haematoma and the only thing that could be done was to give her a painfree death. I asked for her to go back to Haslar who were willing to have her. I asked if she was so close to death that she would die in the ambulance. Beed said it was possible and we therefore agreed to the syringe driver. She died on 21 August. There was no evidence or write up on the file of pneumonia or a haematoma. My sister and her daughter laid my mother out within a hour or so of death - Mrs Lack and myself lived in my mother's room from 18 - 21 August - there was no sign of Dr. Barton. My mother did not die from bronchopneumonia due to immobility following surgery for a fractured hip. I am of the opinion that she died from gross negligence. manslaughter - if not worse.

I enclose a copy of a letter 6 August 2004, which is self explanatory and which was copied to you and others.

Yours faithfully,

\* a new regained consciousness