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## Item 24

This is from the first discharge letter from Haslar – typed on the evening of the 10<sup>th</sup>. August for transfer next day after the Consultant had visited and given the O.K. for discharge to Gosport. I returned to Eastbourne on the 10<sup>th</sup>. having inspected Gosport the previous day, 9<sup>th</sup>. August with Lesley. Questions were asked re. accommodation etc. and I made the point I would prefer my mother to be in a room opposite the Nursing desk. She was by then walking with a zimmer but if a Nurse did not come when she rang the bell she would attempt to walk by herself if she wanted the toilet. I wanted her to be under the eye of the Nursing desk all the time. I was unaware until later that the Nursing desk was not permanently manned. We both, Lesley and myself, pointed out that my mother would become very agitated if she wanted the toilet. This is also mentioned on the discharge letter. I would not say I was “extremely devoted” to my mother – we had little in common – I left home for London at 21 when I could afford to share a flat with two other girls, and in those days I had to wait until my father gave permission for me to do so. He was concerned as I was very naive about the world having spent most of my schooldays from 7 yrs. In a boarding school of one type or another. No emphasis is given to the note that my mother was deaf and her hearing aid had been lost and also her glasses. There is a note on the Glen Heathers file from Dr. Basset that a request had been made for an urgent referral for glasses and hearing aid as this loss “ would add greatly to her confusion “ This request was made after I kicked up merry hell on being informed that such things were not available on the NHS after 90 and my sister had accepted that – there was enough money in my mother’s Post office account if necessary. I would suggest that a great deal of help was due to her being “helped “ by my sister for years – when it was not necessary and in the end my mother gave up. I can recall my sister coming to my house and deciding she would clear up my house and was extremely critical re. decorations , colour schemes etc. This was shortly after my husbands death and I had just turned 50. I was glad to see the back of her.

## Item 25

The notes on the Gosport file – although written in this way – were I suspect in some instances written up retrospectively – certainly not in sequence. You will note the reference to hysterectomy 1955. I have commented on that in some detail before. “Deaf” – even more so without aids. It would appear from Glen Heathers file it was also necessary to tell and instruct the care workers to ensure the hearing aids wer actually switched on – how much confusion was there if they were not switched on.

## Item 26

Superfluous - Surely a Coroner and next of kin know this.

## Item 27

Lactulose - necessary if you are not eating and constipation given as side effects of other drugs given.

## Item 28- 31

Drugs written up in anticipation – mother was treated as though she was in end stage of palliative care from admission. NOTE oramorph given by Beed and Couchman twice within half an hour of each other at 11.15 and 11.45 AM. Barton not there – suggest drugs written up in anticipation and left to Nurses. My mother would not have arrive at Gosport before 10 am at the earliest. Lesley accompanied her – mother in wheel chair. What time did Lesley leave her ?

## Item 32

Records were haphazard.

**Item 33**

Lesley queried my mother's state of consciousness. I understood it was on the evening of the 11th – but it could have been the 12<sup>th</sup>. I telephoned Lesley for up to date information and she told me she had been horrified at mother's state of consciousness and queried if she had been deliberately sedated. On being told about oramorph she expressed her concern as my mother had been pain free for some days previously at Haslar. We had not seen the discharge letter at that time and reference to co-codamol. From then on she was having oramorph PRN. Haloperidol – written up "if noisy" by I allege Nurse Brewer was given at 11 am as by then no doubt Lesley's concerns had been conveyed to Barton. Mother was found on the floor at 13.00 hours by Nurse Brewer, put back in her chair and although the Consultant and Dr. Barton were on the ward was not examined by them. This situation is commented upon in the Health Authority notes when interviewing Brewer – and this is I suggest mentioned in Brewer's statements missing from the disclosures. Statements mentioned by Livesley and not included in GMC hearing.

More anon. Gillian