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Item 36 continued.

"Is this lady well enough for another surgical procedure ? " Is a GP in a position to judge – I would suggest that it is odd that this should be written up at all when presumably she had it in mind to transfer to Haslar anyway – and it would have been up to the Consultant/Surgeon there to judge – unless of course as Beed has said " he knew I was trouble" On arriving at Gosport on 14th. August I had gone straight to GWMH to find Lesley there talking to Beed, my mother already back at Haslar. I had never met Beed before. On being informed that mother had a dislocated hip I stated – what on earth is going on – she should have been transferred as soon as she had a fall – I said it in a tone from which Beed could have known I was far from satisfied with the situation. Lesley and I then went to Haslar where mother was not back on the Ward yet.

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If Beed had read the original discharge letter he would have been aware that oramorph at that stage was not necessary – co-codomol being mentioned PRN – nothing stronger and yet he was involved in administering oramorph within half an hour of admittance on the 11th. August together with Couchman. I hope Ferner has noted the discharge letter from Haslar , written the evening before on the 10th. ready for discharge on the 11th after Consultant's round.

Item 40

Given oramorph at 11.50 am presumably for the journey to Haslar – and Barton states mid=day – obviously no check is made on details. I have no idea whether the administration of oramorph doses and haloperidol build up in the body. I am surprised but understand why Haslar did not query the doses of both these drugs, given that the note from Beed gives the impression only 1 dose of oramorph had been given since admittance.

Item 41

No evidence of dehydration – I am very surprised at this as quite definitely I was informed at Haslar during the period 14 – 17 August that my mother was dehydrated and that is why she was on a drip. On the Haslar file there are notes regarding ballooning etc. When was this blood test taken – on the 14th. or the 29th. July on the original admission to Haslar . Lesley should be questioned about the dehydration at Haslar on 14th. I recall somebody stating –" she has only been out of our care for 3 days and she is dehydrated" That would not be surprising – there are no records at Gosport that she ever had anything to drink or eat. It is particularly important to keep a check on elderly patients in this respect and this is not a new bit of research.

Item 42

Dislocation reduced under intravenous midazolam - this does not indicate surgery to me but manipulation and indeed that is what I was told. The midazolam obviously had an effect because when I arrived at Haslar on the 14th. mother had been kept somewhere – recovery room ? – for some time before she came back on the ward.

Item 43 and 44

I am not quite sure about this because I was informed by Lesley the manipulation was to be carried out in Accident and Emergency and she was asked to participate – but did not. When I arrived and mother was not on the Ward I was informed that mother was still in "theatre " I now assume it was some kind of recovery room as she was still comatose when she did eventually arrive on the Ward and remained unresponsive until very early next morning – see Haslar notes. She was still not with it when Lesley and I arrived on the 15th. There followed the incident with Lesley "commanding her to wake up" and I took over stroking her hand – telling her I had come a long way from Eastbourne etc. She opened her eyes and smiled at me whereupon Lesley said "Do you

Know who this is ?" My mother replied "Yes it is Jill". If my mother was in the last stages of dementia she had made a remarkable recovery !!

More Anon Gillian

Item 45 as above - Note given co-codomol

Item 46 - Note discharge letter 17th. from Haslar on return to Gosport. Mention of co-codomol and leg in canvas splint to remain in situ for 4 weeks . It was not "in situ " when I saw my mother shortly after re-admission on the 17th. Lesley should be questioned on this and also about "in situ" when she laid my mother out on the 21st. August.