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Absolute Tripe – When we arrived about 15 minutes after admittance – as we went onto the Ward we could hear this very loud whimpering – I would not describe it now as screaming. I said something to the effect “What is that” and my sister replied “That is mother – she does that to bring attention to herself and has done it at the Nursing home – I recognise it “ She was far from peaceful. It was then we went into her room where she was being fed a bowl of pureed food – and the care worker said something to the effect “Perhaps you can make her eat” etc. as per my Statement March 2000. Her leg which was bent in the figure four was her left leg over the right – right hip surgery. She was in a very awkward position. As previously commented to you – I am prepared to demonstrate it if I am given warning and wearing trousers!. The position gives me very bad cramp in my hip. Presumably there will be another Doctor “ in the house apart” from Barton should I need one !! I went out to find a qualified Nurse to move my mother, having pulled back the sheet and exposed the awkward position. A Nurse and Lesley re-positioned her - we had not seen the instructions from Haslar at that time but my sister knew about the pillow etc. My mother settled . Beed came on the scene and mother had oramorph by Beed at approx. 13.05 and Lesley went to Haslar. Mother became restless again and Beed came in with an injection – there followed the conversation I had with Beed – asking about the injection – diamorphine – and sending him out to get another pain-killer as we did not know what was the cause of the distress and no X ray had been done. Lesley came back – saw Beed in the corridor who reported the conversation I had had with him and came in, questioned me and said “ he is only doing his job” and I replied “not with diamorphine until we know the cause”. I had in mind the long time she had to recover from the manipulation under sedation and wondered whether it had been due to the previous medication 11- 14th at Gosport. Beed came in with another injection and I assumed as I had rejected and spoken to Beed about diamorphine – that this injection was not diamorphine. This injection by Beed is not written up on file but he could have drawn it from the original diamorphine written up on file on admittance on 11th. My mother was still talking sense to us (“This is some adventure etc. “) - she was seen by Barton who came in about 3.15pm and agreed an X ray. Beed then came back with another injection to ease being moved about in X ray – this injection is not written up either. Both injections were witnessed by Lesley and myself. Mother lost consciousness in X ray and was never “awake” again. After the X ray – Lesley and I had the conversation with Barton – when she lost her temper etc. “She is my patient – I will decide what happens to her. There will be a case meeting tomorrow morning at 9 am.” Her behaviour – and I am given to observing – was “extraordinary – absolutely no empathy “ and out of control.

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The write-up of oramorph given on the 17th. at 8 pm. is rubbish – I was at Gosport until very late in the evening – by myself. My son came down from London – thinking I was at Lesley’s house he went there and then came to Gosport to fetch me – it was very late . That is why we were late arriving at Gosport to be seen by Beed on the morning of the 18th. about 9.15 am. and told my mother was dying by Beed . “Massive haematoma” etc. and I agreed to a syringe driver if she was so close to dying she could die in the ambulance being transferred back to Haslar. I specifically asked Beed. Originally on the 17th. Barton had said there would be a case meeting at 9 am on the 18th. The rubbish on the evening of the 17th. and doses of oramorph given during the night – note the handwriting – non initialled doses given etc. – no doubt a cover for Beed having given the injections. Beed’s defence at the GMC hearing – “If it is not written up – it did not happen and therefore as the injections are not written up and initialled I did not give the injections” When Beed set up the syringe driver at approximately 11.15 am on the morning of the 18th. my mother was still unconscious and had been so since losing consciousness in X ray on the 17th.

Barton’s write up is rubbish –

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40 -200 mg in 24 hours etc. I have already commented elsewhere – the syringe driver was not calibrated properly – it ran out on occasions – and had to be filled up again – total chaos as I was aware of the possibility of problems of air being pumped into patients when drug ran out – not only from my experience at the Marsden and chemotherapy for my husband, Hickman lines etc. 1984 – 1986 but also since then from infusions I have had myself . A very careful eye is kept on such infusions and syringe drivers for air bubbles. I have not had a syringe driver myself - only hydration drips and blood transfusions

To be continued. Gillian