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Why do you need diamorphine and haloperidol and hyoscine and midazolam. – all with sedative side effects and also of course double the appropriate dose of diamorphine. There was no agitation or pain break through at all. Why all the sedatives. Nor was there any sign or sound of a rattly chest. I have sat with dying patients - I know the sights and sounds. From experience at the Marsden , a patient is not put on a syringe drive ( in terminal palliative care ) until absolutely necessary – I am aware the syringe drivers for pain can be used for patients for a temporary period – not just in the actual dying process.

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Hardly surprising - no fluids since breakfast at Haslar on the 17<sup>th</sup>. We had a few words about the catheter bag – which would not be taken down until death – it was in a congealed state – 3 days after renal failure.

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Much more peaceful – unconscious since the 17<sup>th</sup>. No sign of life apart from shallow breathing and at one time biting my sister when Nurse tried to remove dentures to no avail and Lesley tried. Care Workers etc. did not – repeat not – attend my mother every night – irrespective of what is on file – for normal washing etc. I slept beside my mother's bed on a chair – from the 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. they could not have attended her without disturbing me.

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Nobody from the night shift had seen my mother – when she died I went to find a Nurse to report time etc. Nurse Sylvia Griffin was on duty – the Nurse who had lead to query in 1990 re. syringe drivers and diamorphine for patients not in pain .

Notes on Comments to follow. Gillian