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Prescribing

Item 78

Barton's notes are appalling. Not comprehensive, not detailed, written up retrospectively in some instances.

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Drug charts – sheet chaos. Nursing staff in need of re-training. Some pattern !!

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Consideration of the case of Gladys Richards.

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Already commented – not at all at peace having been rolled off a sheet to bed in uncomfortable position. Linda Baldochino confirmed carried on a sheet. GWMH had been warned by Haslar in advance no canvas available – Canvas was on the back of chair awaiting arrival at Gosport. Nurse in charge did not instruct the Nurses and Careworker who met the ambulance. See the CHI Report. (Where is Baldochino's statement – Ambulance staff statements missing from disclosures) – who confirm nothing untoward happened during journey from Haslar to Gosport on the 17th. Langdale QC made use of this saying "Something must have happened". GMC did not use statements from Ambulance crew.

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There are a number of notes which are pure fiction and do not relate to the actual events – I hope emphasis is made that Lesley and myself were eye-witnesses and not half witted.

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The fact remains my mother was not – repeat not given 45 mg. Of oramorph from 13.05 hours on the 17th. to 04.30 on the 18th. This is not fact. She never regained consciousness from the two injections given by Beed, not written up on the 17th witnessed by Lesley and myself. I would suggest this is why some doses of oramorph are not initialled during the night.

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We were informed by Beed of a "massive Haematoma" The question of "possible bruising" had come up the day before on the 17th. before my mother had her X ray and Lesley had gone to Haslar. I asked Beed what could be the cause of pain. He had replied possible bruising – The canvas was on the back of the chair (awaiting her arrival possibly) and I asked Beed if it had occurred when putting the poles through the sides of the canvas – I assumed that is what made it into a stretcher. Beed replied he did not think so. I then suggested that perhaps the ambulance had gone up a kerb or something like that during the journey, causing a bump in the travel or a knock against the rail put up along the side to stop the patient rolling off. I had witnessed this when my husband went by ambulance from Eastbourne to the Royal Marsden at Sutton. Beed did not say then my mother had not been on a canvas. The term "massive haematoma" implied to me more than a bruise and I thought it meant considerable bleeding , more like a haemorrhage ballooning beneath the skin. That is why I asked if it was possible that my mother would die in the ambulance if she was transferred back to Haslar – Lesley and I both wanted her transferred. When Beed replied it was possible I assumed death was imminent – not four days later. We therefore agreed to the syringe driver. Beed emphasised nothing could be done except give her a pain free death. Lesley did not notice a haematoma when laying my mother out.

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My mother was totally unconscious. Disentanglement between distress and psychological upset did not come into it.

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I also think it is "unclear" why my mother was put on oramorph as soon as she arrived at Gosport with the added note from Barton on the 11th. "I am quite happy for nurses to confirm death" – let alone the cocktail of drugs written up – left to the Nurses discretion to administer. In view of past history contained in the 1990 Report just how many died at Gosport due to Barton and the Nurses ? On the 18th. my mother was not still in great pain -she was completely "out"

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At 91 most people are near the end of their life ! Certainly with the haloperidol for a good night's sleep – nobody told me she was having haloperidol 3 times a day plus trazadone. I was not aware of this even when she had a very bad hacking cough circa April when I also slept in her room at the Nursing Home. I insisted on a Doctor being called in as my mother was prone to pleurisy. It was then that I was informed that nothing could be done for the cough and phlegm because of the drugs she was on – that of course is rubbish - that is when I heard about haloperidol for the first time plus trazadone and went to see her GP Dr. Basset at Lee on Solent, queried the drugs which would not help dementia and indeed would give side effects resembling dementia. I mentioned "Toxic Psychiatry" and sent him a copy. I had been aware of this book in 1992 when my daughter at 19 had been given Prozac by a GP for upset over a boyfriend unknown to me, resulting in an attempted suicide and subsequent disappearance after a bout in a local psychiatric unit. It probably ruined her life - she was in the first year at Edinburgh University of a 4 year Course. I have not seen her since – but discovered she is alive, married and had a daughter last year. Even in 1992 and much before I was interested in the out of Court settlements in the States instead of striking off and fine for the manufacturers. It was proved that Prozac lead to suicides in young persons – it is still being given out under the name Fluoxetine. You can be very sure I check medication side effects but even so have fallen foul of an infusion given at Chelsea and Westminster. Is manipulation counted as surgery ? I will send details of BMA notes on Trazadone.

More to follow Gillian