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Events leading up to the death of our dear Mother Elsie Devine age 88years at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital

20th October 1999 admitted Gosport War memorial Hospital from the Queen Alexander Hospital for respite after a kidney infection, it was Mummy's first time ever in hospital. My Mother lived with us but as I had to go to Hammersmith Hospital with my husband David who was having a Bone Marrow Transplant, it was suggested she went to the Gosport War Memorial until I returned home as there was nobody at home to look after her. My brother was visiting his Mother every day, as were friends and relatives. I travelled from London once a week to see her. She was not terminally ill.

19th November 1999 I received phone call from my brother to say Mum was given 36hrs to live. I and my two children went to GWH were my Mother lay unconscious. 4 hours later we met Dr Jane Barton she never entered the room where our Mother lay but summons us to an office, nor did she ever come to visit her even to certify death. James my son was very concerned after the meeting with Barton she was hostile and rude, strange situation to be in when you have a parent dying. Also some of the nursing staff were extremely rude to us all this set alarm bells ringing, that things did not seem what they should.

21st November Mummy died.

22nd November my brother Harry went to register his Mother's death, however the Registrar refused to accept the death certificate. My brother went back to Barton who kept him waiting 4hours and she added another cause of death on the death certificate, apparent to her kidneys. We had more concerns when she stated, to my brother "your sister is not happy with us is she"? We thought it a strange statement, as I had not given that impression, apart from asking a lot of questions. Barton was also inquisitive regarding my profession during the meeting at the GWH on Friday 19th November all this added to our concerns. We spoke to medical staff at Hammersmith and took their advice and decided to view Mum's medical records.

January 2000 I wrote to Max Millet Director of the Portsmouth Health Care Trust with my complaint. We had several meetings and many letters back and forth. They seem to be dragging their heels and I realise now why! They wanted to delay the Independent review that I requested because of the Police investigating Gill Mackenzie's Mother Gladys Richards. However they all kept tight lipped about it and never informed me, they should have called in the police on my complaint. It reminds me of Tony Blair's statement... there never will be another shipman and he made sure there wasn't... for the time being.

June 2001 16months later... I had the Independent Review I had been fighting for which according to the advice booklet they give you it states it will take 12 weeks from the start of your complaint. It took the Trust 16 months a deliberate act trying dragging us down with a deluge of paper work. Playing our time until the Police finished their 3rd investigation into Jane Barton. This was not straight forward as we now understand if they found her guilty it would implement the Trust.

June 2001 Gill Mackenzie went public it was a terrible shock to us to know that the police were investigation, I got in touch with her through the NEWS and my telephone number was given out to people calling in all with concerns of their loved ones. We set up an action group.

July 2001 I received the Independent Report; it was a disgusting and traumatic to read but I received no answers to this day to justify what they did to my Mother. They did state in the report what happened that Friday morning leading to the death of my mother, which had not been written in her medical file. I knew from the medical file they were administering oral morph to her from the day of admission and I noted that they had given her a Fentanyl Patch (morphine) on Thursday 18th November; which takes 17 to 23 hours before that drug works. What I did not know and was not in the Medical file was my Mother woke that Friday morning at 6 30am, she got herself dressed and was in a delirious state, obvious to us the drug had kicked in and she did not know where she was. The report said my Mother threw 2 nurses

across the room and tried to get a patient out of bed. When I requested to see the accident book it took them 6 weeks to come back to me and tell me it was not logged in the Hospital accident book for liability! Mum was 5ft 2" and frail and was incapable of doing this act she was accused of.

They called Jane Barton who authorised the administration of 50mg Chlorpromazine a very high dose and an extremely painful injection, this is a psychotic drug, 4 Nurses then held her on the floor while they injected her. 40 minutes later they administered 40mg diamorphine and 40mg diazepam and according to the medical file 200-800mg hydrazine drawn from the pharmacy but they say verbally they did not put it in the syringe driver! This syringe driver was in her back and operated by battery which was under her pillow and could not be seen, we were never told at the time. They state that they walked her for several hours and then settled her in an arm chair and then transferred her to a bed. They never called a member of the family to say there was an emergency knowing my Mother would never wake up from all these drugs that they administered to her. A nurse phoned my sister-in-law at 9-30 and asked if my brother could meet Jane Barton at the hospital at 1pm as she wanted to speak with him but never mentioned my Mother was dying or any emergency. My brother arrived at the hospital and was told that our Mother had 36 hours to live and that she had kidney failure, she was completely unconscious.

I wrote to the GMC and sent the medical file and IRR report with a Formal Complaint against Barton they threw it out and they said my mother's treatment was correct. They too knew that there was a Police Investigation and complaints about Barton.

I then wrote to Ombudsman and sent the Medical file and I.R. Report, they wrote back and they stated that I have had an IR and had been to the GMC and that they also agreed with them.

July 2002 Sir Liam Donaldson commissioned CHI to do a report at a cost of 500 000 pounds, there is also a lot of inaccuracies in that although it was a very revealing and damning report.

September 2002 and in light of the CHI report several families had a meeting with Mr I Readhead Deputy Chief Constable of Hampshire. He told us he was not going to investigate any more, he did not have the resources and it would take too long to get into court.

October 2002 Sir Liam Donaldson commissioned Professor Richard Baker to investigate into the deaths at the Gosport War Hospital. At that time 2 nurses came forward and handed him the document of the minutes from a meeting they had with the Trust in 1991. These minutes showed that they went to the Trust in 1991 and told the Trust what Barton was doing. They said she had order vast number of syringe drivers and elderly patients were being hooked up to them at night, but the Portsmouth Healthcare Trust told them to shut up and get on with their jobs which they did for another 10 years while Barton and her loyal staff continued their practices. At that time "blow the whistle" to safe guard the nurses jobs was not in place, this became law I think in 1993, maybe the nurses complained to the nursing and Midwifery Counsel

This document started another Police Investigation; members of the trust were suspended and eventually made redundant some moved to other parts of the country.... We are still waiting on the release of this report.

October 2002- December 2006 Operation Rochester investigated ----- delaying tactics playing out and the investigation took 4 years.

November 2004 my Mother's case was the first selected to go to the CPS after 5 expert opinions.

December 2007 case closed we were invited to CPS to have meeting with David Perry QC. On closing of the meeting David Perry said to David my husband and me that Damelola Taylor's Parents did not get justice so you are not alone!