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Case Name:	Operation Rochester
Reference No:	LB3.108.01
Date of Registration:	22 January 2001
Author:	Paul Close
Caseworker Team:	Code A
Counsel:	David Perry Louis Mably
Case Summary:	<p>The original report in this case was submitted to this office in January 2001. Mrs Gladys Mabel Richards was a 91 year old in patient at Gosport War Memorial Hospital when she died on 21 August 1998. It is alleged that the lack of nursing care and the administration of drugs over a period of time via a syringe driver had caused her death. The crucial evidence hinges on the conclusions by an expert witness, Professor Livesey who concluded that Mrs Richards was unlawfully killed in his report dated 1.11.00. Counsel were briefed to advise on the merits of the case. On 19.6.01, a conference took place with Counsel attended by Professor Livesey. It emerged that Professor Livesey was not entirely clear of the legal ingredients of Gross Negligence Manslaughter. Professor Livesey's conclusion was found to be untenable and without support. A full advice was submitted by Counsel on 21 July 2001 and the Officer in Charge of the case was informed by Paul Close as to the decision not to prosecute in this case.</p> <p>Officers from Hampshire requested for and had a meeting with RDS and PC in December 2002 to deal with advice and guidance regarding investigation into such cases.</p> <p>The first report dated 23 December 2004 regarding Elsie Devine was delivered by hand on the same day. Counsel was briefed and an advice was provided by Counsel on 21 March 2005, this followed by a conference with Officers from the Hampshire Constabulary on 28.9.05.</p> <p>Further reports together with witness statements and documents (approximately 30 lever arch folders) were received by LB3 IN November 2005. These were forwarded to both Counsel and 2 advices were received from Counsel on 3. 2. 06.</p>

Next date of hearing:	Not applicable		
Stage of Case:	Paul Close to consider the 2 latest advice from Counsel.		
Potential Defendants/Defendants:	None at this stage		
Monthly Update	To consider advice in conference with counsel and police.		
Action in coming month:	Set up conference with counsel and police.		
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Child/Custody Status	Not applicable		
Sensitive case		Entered on Sensitive Case List	
Media Interest		Press Office notified	
Race/Religious		Domestic Violence	
Child/Int Witnesses		Child Victim/Witness	
Victim Letter		Letter sent	