



HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY

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Mr Wheeler,

Thank you for your earlier advice in relation to this matter. This is the second submission, further evidence has been obtained, as requested by yourself, from DR A. Lord, a consultant Geriatrician. He is an independent in relation to this matter in that he had nothing whatsoever to do with Mrs Richard's treatment. He is eminently well qualified to give an expert opinion in this case.

As you can see from his attached report he has examined all the available medical notes in relation to this matter. He makes comprehensive comments in relation to the use of Diamorphine via a syringe driver and it is clear that this was used in this case purely for the purposes of pain control, which in Mrs Richard's case would appear to be considerable.

In relation to the decision not to start intravenous fluids he also makes full comments, stating, "Patients requiring intravenous fluids would need to be transferred to an acute bed at Haslar or QA. Mrs Richard's was 91 years of age, frail, confused and had been twice to Haslar for surgical procedures and hence a 3rd transfer back for intravenous fluids only would not have been appropriate. I do not feel that the lack of intravenous fluids for the 4 days that Mrs Richard's was on a syringe driver significantly altered the outcome."

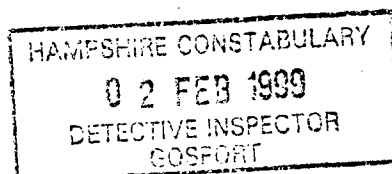
Again, it would appear that this decision was taken for sound medical reasons as opposed to any wish on the Doctors part to commit euthanasia in relation to Mrs Richard's.

According to Mrs McKenzie Doctors did not consult with her in relation to the decision to omit intravenous feeding but of course her sisters notes clearly show that consultation with Doctors did take place in relation to this matter, and the two women are estranged from one another.

In my humble submission there is no evidence to suggest negligence in this case which would enable a successful prosecution of the Doctors for manslaughter, however, you may have an opposing view and this file is submitted for further consideration by yourself and a decision.

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