

Press Release

This report sets out the findings of the review of deaths of patients at Gosport War Memorial Hospital (GWMH) between 1988 and 2000. The then Chief Medical Officer, Professor Sir Liam Donaldson, asked Professor Richard Baker of Leicester University to carry out the review in 2002 because of concerns about the care of patients at GWMH. The concerns were first raised in 1998 and were the subject of a police investigation when the review was commissioned.

Professor Baker completed the review in October 2003. It has not been possible to release the report before now because it formed part of the evidence for police investigations and other legal proceedings. The final inquest into the deaths considered in the review ended in April 2013. The text of the report is being released in full.

Professor Baker's review presents an audit of care drawing upon clinical records, medical certificates of cause of death, admissions books, controlled drugs registers, and the work of a sample of GPs.

Professor Baker made 5 recommendations in his report. These have been largely overtaken by developments since the review was carried out.