

# **Gosport War Memorial Hospital Investigation Team Briefing**

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# General Background

- **GWMH managed by PHCT**
- **GWMH provides Elderly Medicine, Maternity, Elderly Mental Health, Day Hospital, Outpatients, OT, Physiotherapy and Podiatry.**
- **Trust dissolving in April 2002: Responsibility GWMH -> Fareham & Gosport PCT.**

# Service Background

- **Service managed by Fareham & Gosport locality division (PHCT)**
- **Daytime medical cover provided by QAH Dept of Elderly Medicine**
- **Out of hours medical cover provided by local GP's & "on call care" from QAH**
- **Daedalus – 24 geriatric rehab beds**
- Dryad – 20 Continuing care beds**
- Sultan – 24 GP beds**

# Local Context

**Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust  
provide**

**local acute services at**

- **QAH**
- **St Mary's**
- **Haslar – MoD Unit**
- **Current CHI Clinical Governance  
Review of acute trust**

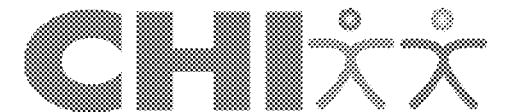
# Police Involvement

- **December 1999** Mrs R's daughter asks police to investigate unlawful killing
- **March 1999** CPS decide insufficient evidence to prosecute
- **October 1999** Police investigation into death of Mrs R reopens.

**Police**

**commission external**

**advice from Prof Liverpool**



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- **April 2001**      **9 other families approach police following local media coverage**
- **July 2001**      **CPS decide again insufficient evidence for prosecution in Ms R's case. Police close Mrs R's file**
- **August 2001**      **Police investigate deaths of 4 further patients and commission external advice from Dr Munday & Prof. Ford**
- **Late Aug 2001**      **Police approach CHI**

# Concerns raised with CHI

- July 2001 assistance inquiry at GWMH
  - HA CE asks CHI for with local
- July 2001 witness) concern over use diamorphine
  - Prof. Ford (police expert phones CHI with of
- August 2001 Police meet with CHI
- Sept 2001 undertake an activity
  - CHI decides to investigation
  - evidence of high risk

# GMC Involvement

- **Referral from police regarding Dr Barton**
- **Summer 2001 – Dr Barton case to Interim Orders Committee. No orders made.**
- **Further action on hold pending any prosecution**



# UKCC Involvement

- **Referral of 3 nurses from police**
- **Preliminary Proceeding Committee decide not to hold a hearing**
- **Case closed**