

## Commission for Health Improvement

### Gosport War Memorial Hospital Investigation

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##### **Background**

Gosport War Memorial Hospital is managed by Portsmouth Healthcare NHS Trust and will become part of a PCT in April 2002. The hospital provides continuing and rehabilitative care to older people.

A patient died following a fall while she was rehabilitating at Gosport War Memorial Hospital after hip surgery at Haslar (MOD) hospital in 1998. The police have investigated circumstances at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital. The CPS decided there was insufficient evidence to proceed twice.

There is an ongoing further police investigation.

##### **Concerns**

Concerns have been raised with CHI around the quality of care provided to elderly in-patients at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital. These concerns include the following:

- Arrangements and protocols for the administration of drugs.
- Transfer arrangements between the trust and other local hospitals
- Lines of clinical responsibility
- The culture in which care is provided

##### **Action by CHI**

CHI has decided to undertake an investigation of the Gosport War Memorial Hospital to review the trust systems in place to support good quality patient care, with a particular focus on in-patient continuing and rehabilitative care provided to older people.

##### **Next Steps**

Investigation Terms of Reference are being drawn up and will be made available, together with a press release on Friday, 20 October 2001.