

## **HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT HEALTH AUTHORITY**

### **Gosport War Memorial Hospital**

#### **Draft Terms of Reference for enquiry**

The Inquiry will examine the circumstances surrounding the care of older people in Gosport War Memorial Hospital during the period 1989 - 2001:

1. To establish:
  - the extent and nature of concerns expressed about patient care and the period when concerns were raised;
  - whether there is evidence of the prescription of opiate analgesics in inappropriate situations or inappropriately high doses and, if so, to draw that evidence together;
  - whether there is evidence of an unusual pattern of mortality at the hospital during the period of study taking into account the outcome of the audit being undertaken by Professor Robert Baker;
  - whether responsible clinicians and managers failed to act on concerns raised about the treatment of patients at the hospital and to examine individual and/or systemic failures to act on those concerns.
2. To take account of other evidence made available to other investigations, including the CHI Special Investigation of 2002.
3. To draw lessons from the experience of those with duties and responsibilities concerning the health service in Gosport and to make recommendations applicable locally and to the wider NHS about the actions necessary to deal with issues of this nature
3. To report to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight HA within six months of the date of commencement of the Inquiry.