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Gosport War Memorial Hospital Independent Management Investigation

Meeting with Liz Fradd & Julie Miller on 13 January 2003 at 5.30pm at CHI, Bunhill Row

Matters for discussion :

1. Update on respective inquiries, CHI's terms of reference & timetable.

2. Differences between the two terms of reference i.e. management inquiry making judgements about responsibilities of individuals and whether or not they fulfilled them adequately.

3. Scope for complementary working.

4. Issues associated with the published CHI report:

    - Para 3.16 (page 10) – What implications for patient care resulted from this confusion in terminology?
    - Para 4.4 (page 13) – CHI confirmed use of excessive painkillers in 1998. Did they have any concerns about prescribing practice prior to 1998? Did staff raise these concerns with CHI?
    - Para 4.5 (page13) – What has accounted for this decline in drug usage?
    - Para 4.6 (page 17) – Should the trust have had a pain management policy in 1998? Would the expectation have been that the trust should have had such a policy i.e. was it nationally accepted good practice at the time?
    - Para 4.11 (page 17) – CHI indicated that staff raised the matter of anticipatory prescribing. How long had this been going on? How many staff raised this matter with CHI?
    - Para 4.16 (page 18) – Did CHI have concerns about nurses overseeing the administration of diamorphine via syringe driver without due training?
    - Para 4.20 (page 19) – What is CHI's view of the nature of the relationship between PHCT and the acute trust's pharmaceutical services?
    - Page 19 (key finding 2) – Did CHI feel this matter warranted further investigation?
    - Page 19 (key finding 3) – Did CHI form any views about the level of diamorphine administered prior to 1998?
    - Para 6.4 (page 27) – Did CHI form the view that the professional isolation of medical staff at Gosport was significantly worse prior to 2001?
    - Para 7.8 and 7.9 (page 36) and (key finding 1) - How serious did CHI think this delay in devising a policy to be? (We now know that the unit had received expressions of concern about opiate prescribing in 1992 and action had been promised.)

- Para 8.9 (page 40) – Did CHI have any views about the effectiveness of the trust's risk management group? Did they find evidence of under-reporting of adverse events and incidents at GWMH? (An initial trawl of the trust's forms shows few forms about GWMH.) Did CHI feel the trust exhibited a culture of listening to staff?

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