

Chronological summary of events regarding Gosport II

This summary was written for Liz Fradd for the Programme Board, and is still up to date.

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Summary

CHI have been requested to undertake a second investigation following concerns raised by nurses regarding prescribing dating back to early 90's. Following advice from police and CPS, decided to put this piece of work on hold until all police work completed, which could be as long as 2 years. Police are exploring the potential manslaughter of over 60 patients as well as corporate manslaughter.

July 2002

CHI report published - timeframe investigated 1998 - 2002, as highlighted by the police.

September 2002

"Dossier" submitted to CE of Fareham and Gosport PCT detailing prescribing concerns expressed by nurses to the RCN dating back to early 1990's.

CHI interviewed 2 RCN officers as part of the investigation - no reference was made to prescribing concerns 1988 - 2002. Liz - might be worth referring to our proposed meeting with Beverly Malone here?

Managers involved in early 1990's are now the CE's of the two local PCTs, both were "redeployed" by Hampshire & IOW StHA.

13 September 2002

DoH (CMO) appointed Prof Baker, Professor of Clinical Governance at Leicester University to undertake a "clinical audit", understood to be a statistical review similar to that he prepared for the Shipman case.

StHA & PCT commission a joint internal management investigation to understand the actions of managers. CHI consulted over TOR to address concerns raised regarding prescribing & subsequent management action 1988 - 1998.

December 2002

CHI finally sees "dossier". IIU initiate discussions over TOR for second CHI investigation. CHI have concerns over duplication with StHA investigation and DoH

understanding that CHI can investigate conduct of RCN and individual managers. Final TOR agreed.

18 December 2002

Meeting between CHI, StHA, IIU and police (with legal rep) to discuss potential compromise of police investigation if CHI and StHA investigations go ahead. Clear spirit from the police to work together with other agencies, though police concerned regarding any other agencies interviewing NHS staff who are part of their investigation. Agreed CHI and StHA should provide a summary of intended methodology and TOR for police to discuss with CPS. CHI understands letter from SoS already sent instructing CHI to undertake second investigation.

2 January 2003

Formal notification arrives and, in agreement with DoH not acted upon.

10 January 2003

CPS advise that both CHI and StHA investigations could compromise police work. Discussed with CMO, who agrees that CHI's investigation will be put on hold until police investigations concluded. (confirmation of this requested from DoH).

Other factors

Locally

Continued local press interest. Families have formed a support group and have appointed "Shipman solicitor" Ann Alexander. Local MP has raised issues of multiple investigations without conclusion, together with cost issue.

GMC

There is a professional misconduct hearing scheduled for April, GMC solicitors have reviewed all of our files. GMC case will be delayed until police work concluded.

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