

Fareham and Gosport-NHS

Primary Care Trust

Notes of Meeting with Mrs Carby on 23/5/2002 re Mr Stanley Eric Carby

Present at Meeting Mrs Rita Carby
Miss Lucinda Carby
Dr Althea Lord
Mrs Jan Peach

*Amended
13/5
30/5/02
[Signature]*

- Mrs Carby outlined the family concerns following her husband's death.
- Why death was so sudden - Mr Carby died within 24 hours of transfer from RHH to Daedalus Ward.
- Why night nursing staff failed to contact family when Mr Carby was restless. They had left information that they were happy to be called at any time.
- Why nurses failed to contact family earlier, when Mr Carby's condition suddenly deteriorated. (Mr Carby was unconscious by the time they arrived and never regained consciousness).
- On admission placed in 4-bedded, moved to single room without consulting family - why was this?

Dr Lord offered the following clarification;-

- Mr Carby was probably moved to enable closer observation, particularly as he had just been admitted and also as it is recorded that he was noisy and restless during the evening.
- Concern as to why family not contacted earlier. Explained Dr Lord was contacted at approx 10am due to concerns over patient's condition. Dr Lord unable to visit, Dr Barton due in later, in the meantime suggested Midazolam be given. No record of this drug being administered ie verbal order recorded on prescription chart. *as it was a Tuesday ward must at Q&A!*
- Mr Carby had a ~~scan at RHH which showed some scarring~~ *CT Brain Scan at RHH* but discussion with Medical staff led family to believe he would recover and not at any time did they indicate he might die. *No*
- AL described stroke pattern and predisposing pathology that even whilst Mr Carby appeared well controlled, he had \uparrow BP, diabetes \downarrow O₂ levels. *The fact that he was cyanosed was reported by the family.*
- There was a history of night restless and sleeping during the day. AL explained ~~recent developments in O₂ deprivation and its effect upon sleeping patterns.~~ *Obstructive Sleep Apnoea.*
- Concerns registered re no apparent knowledge of Mr Carby being placed on a syringe driver. Mrs Carby was certain there had been no explanation of the reasons for this. JP explained process and value of syringe drivers -v- injections
- Mrs Carby denied saying that she believed her husband would not survive this last collapse as recorded in the nursing notes.

- Mrs Carby was concerned regarding 3 forms she had signed when collecting Mr Carby's personal effects - Patient Affairs Officer able to find forms and dispel anxiety. All 3 related to personal effects.
- Concern that there were only 2 BP recordings, 1 -admission, 2 - when condition deteriorated. AL explained that not usual to record as often during rehab. BP was being controlled with medication.
- Blood sugar levels were recorded.
- AL/JP discussed contents of notes with Mrs Carby and daughter - Questions were answered.
- JP updated Mrs Carby on RHH notes - still awaited.
- **Post Meeting** - RHH notes arrived incomplete, subsequently missing years arrived. Some delay anticipated as Surgeon/Captain Edmonstone away until 10th June, also A&E now closed. Consent + notes being sent to QAH for consent.
- JP written to Mrs Carby following meeting and update on RHH notes.