

RE: DEATH CERTIFICATE

IT IS IMPORTANT TO SAY THAT OF COURSE WHAT I DIDN'T KNOW THEN, BUT I KNOW NOW ^{IS} THAT MY MOTHER HAD BEEN PRESCRIBED A HAZARDOUS AND POTENTIALLY LETHAL COMBINATION OF DRUGS.

I DID NOT KNOW THEN, AS I KNOW NOW, THAT THE DOCTOR'S PRESCRIBING WAS FOUND TO BE INAPPROPRIATE AND NOT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF MY MOTHER. I NOW KNOW AS IT HAS BEEN FOUND, THAT DR. BARTON HAD FAILED TO PROPERLY ~~ASSESS~~ ^{ASSESS} MY MOTHER'S CONDITION, BEFORE PRESCRIBING OPIATES.

HAD I KNOWN WHAT I KNOW NOW, THEN IT MAY HAVE BEEN CLEAR TO ME THAT THE DEATH CERTIFICATE MAY HAVE BEEN FALSIFIED. HOWEVER AT THAT TIME I WAS CONCERNED THAT THE DEATH CERTIFICATE DID NOT ACCURATELY REFLECT THE REASONS FOR MY MOTHER'S DEATH. I COULD NOT BEAR THE THOUGHT OF A POST MORTEM FOR MY MOTHER.

OF COURSE WITH HINDSIGHT AND THE KNOWLEDGE I HAVE NOW, I ~~SHOULD~~ SHOULD HAVE INSISTED MY MOTHER'S CASE WAS REFERRED TO THE CORONER AT THE TIME.

I TRUSTED THAT THE DOCTOR'S DECISIONS WERE MADE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF MY MOTHER. CLEARLY THAT HAS BEEN PROVEN NOT TO BE THE CASE.

THE POLICE CASE IS NOT CLOSED.