

MP's open to talks over Gosport hospital deaths

A MAN whose father died in a Gosport hospital after he went in for respite, has said he would like to meet with a top health minister.

As previously reported, the Department of Health released the Baker report.

It looked into 81 deaths at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital (GWMH) during the 90s, after concerns were raised about patient care under Dr Jane Barton.

And after a 10-year wait, the report was published, which found an over-prescription, and in some cases use, of opiates, and note-taking had been poor.

Ian Wilson's father Robert,

74, had been to Queen Alexandra Hospital, in Cosham, for a shoulder injury.

He was transferred to GWMH, to wait to be put into a nursing home.

But he died in October 1998, and the cause of death was put down to bronchopneumonia, which Mr Wilson believes was a side effect brought on by use of opiates.

Health Minister Norman Lambe said he was 'more than happy to meet with families to discuss concerns raised by the report'.

Mr Wilson said: 'It would be wonderful to meet with Norman Lambe to talk about the report.'