

Independent inquiry into hospital deaths to begin

AN INDEPENDENT inquiry into the deaths of patients at the Gosport Memorial Hospital between 1988 and 2000 is to be announced by the government.

It follows a report published earlier this year, by Professor Richard Baker, a patient safety expert from the University of

Leicester who also worked on the Harold Shipman inquiry, who found morphine and other powerful sedatives were routinely prescribed to elderly patients in Gosport between 1988 and 2000, even if they were not in pain.

The report prompted relatives to call for an inquiry to begin.