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Dr Barton prescribed that day diamorphine at a rate of between 40mg to 80mg and midazolam between 40mg to 80mg. In addition, at 8.30 on the 19th, the patient was given injection of Chlorpromazine, 50 mg, prescribed by Dr Barton following an incident in which the patient is suggested to have been aggressive with nurses. Chlorpromazine is a tranquilliser and 50mg is, according to Dr Reid, at the upper end of the normal range of the dose. An hour later a syringe driver was started by the nurses that day, Friday, at 9.25 in the morning. It contained, as Dr Barton prescribed at the lowest dose, 40mg of diamorphine and 40mg of midazolam. The fentanyl patch was still on the patient, and it seems it was not removed until about three hours later at about 12.30, according to the notes. There is no record anywhere in the notes that the patient was at any time in pain. At this stage, therefore, on this Friday morning, this patient had in her system Fentanyl, Chlorpromazine, diamorphine and midazolam.

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It is very difficult to understand why anyone would have thought it appropriate to start this patient on anything less than the minimum dose of midazolam, even if the patient was complaining of pain, which she was not.

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