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## Doctor to give evidence at hospital death inquest

THE doctor at the centre of an inquest, which has taken 15 years to be held, is due to give evidence today.

Dr Jane Barton will be speaking at the Gladys Richards inquest, which is being held in Portsmouth Guildhall.

The 91-year-old died at Gosport War Memorial Hospital, in August 1998, under Dr Barton's care.

As reported, the now retired Dr Barton, who used to practise at the Forton Medical Centre in Gosport, was also a clinical assistant in the former Dryad and Daedalus wards in GWMH.

Between 1996 and 1999, 12 patients died in her care -

including Mrs Richards.

Her daughter Gillian Mackenzie approached police with concerns over her mother's care, which initiated the original investigation by Hampshire Constabulary into the deaths.

Inquests of five other patients at the hospital took place in 2009, where a jury ruled drugs prescribed by Dr Barton contributed to the deaths.

However Mrs Richards was not included.

The nine-day inquest, due to end on Friday, has heard from various witnesses, in to the level of care given to Mrs Richards.