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Three options are given to look in to hospital deaths

Families met with MP Norman Lamb to discuss report

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THE families of patients who died at a Gosport hospital have three inquiry options to get the answers they want.

Yesterday, families met health minister Norman Lamb to discuss the findings of the Baker report and how to move forward.

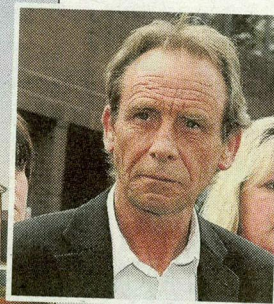
The report looked into deaths at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital in the 90s.

As reported, Iain Wilson, 53, of Beryton Road, Gosport, was one of the people who visited Mr Lamb.

Mr 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



INQUIRY PLAN
Gosport War Memorial Hospital.
Inset, Iain Wilson

put down to bronchopneumonia.

Mr Wilson said: 'It was a good meeting, but nothing was decided.'

'It was left wide open to see what will happen next.'

Yesterday, families were told they could ask for a full public inquiry, a full independent investigation, or an independent panel, similar to the Hillsborough investigation.

'I have always said there should be a full-on public

inquiry and a criminal investigation,' added Mr Wilson.

'A full inquiry would be very long-winded and expensive, so I don't know which way it will go.'

The Baker report looked into 81 deaths during the 90s, after concerns were raised about patient care under Dr Jane Barton. It revealed an over-prescription, and in some cases over-use, of opiates, and that note-taking had been poor.

Richard Baker, a profes-

sor of clinical governance, who worked on the Harold Shipman inquiry, started his review in 2002.

The government would not publish the report until the final inquest into deaths from that period took place earlier this month.

Gosport MP Caroline Dinenage said: 'I would prefer option two or three, rather than a full inquiry.'

'It would be expensive and distressing for families.'

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