

### Gosport War Memorial Hospital and Dr Jane Barton - parliamentary mentions and background

Name / background	Party / Constituency	Comments
<p><b>Sir Peter Viggers MP</b></p> <p>MP for Gosport and part of a previous campaign to prevent the closure of the hospital.</p> <p>Sir Peter Viggers and Nigel Waterson were criticised by Gillian McKenzie, the original complainant for their 'dismissive' attitude and she made a formal complaint to the Conservative Party.</p>	<p>Con, Gosport</p>	<p><u>19 Dec 2002</u> – commented that he had never received any previous complaints about the hospital but had recently been approached by a constituent about the death of her mother in 1998. She claimed her mother had been given diamorphine and called for an inquiry. A series of inquiries followed, including one by the GMC – Sir Peter stated that he hoped that he inquiries 'conclude quickly' but didn't mention any staff by name.</p> <p><u>13 Sept 2004</u> – written questions on the ongoing inquiries – when they are expected to conclude and how many man hours have been expended by staff at Gosport Hospital</p> <p><u>5 Feb 2007</u> – asked how many police man hours were involved in the inquiry at Gosport</p> <p><u>23 March 2009</u> – written question asking when Professor Richard Baker's report in to events at Gosport would be published</p> <p>Sir Peter Viggers has recently (<u>23 April 2009</u>) been criticised by a number of relatives for refusing 'to help them in their fight for justice' and he also criticised the inquests into the deaths of 10 elderly patients earlier this year (hearings started Wednesday 18 March 2009), commenting that the police had decided no action was required and the issue should be 'allowed to rest'.</p>
<p><b>Nigel Waterson MP</b></p> <p>Constituency MP of Gillian McKenzie.</p>	<p>Con, Eastbourne</p>	<p><b>Shadow Minister for Work and Pensions</b></p> <p><u>27 Oct 2003</u> – Written question asking what representations the Secretary of State for Health has received in the last 12 months from the relatives of deceased patients from the Gosport War Memorial Hospital.</p>
<p><b>Dr Brian Iddon MP</b></p> <p>Chair of the Care Not Killing</p>	<p>Lab, Bolton South East</p>	<p><u>21 Nov 2002</u> – Asked if the Secretary of State for Health would make a statement on anticipatory prescribing following the Commission for Healthcare Improvement's report on Gosport</p>

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<b>Mr Paul Burstow MP</b> Liberal Democrat Chief Whip Campaigner against the use of anti-psychotic drugs in care homes.	Lib Dem, Sutton and Cheam	<u>6 Nov 2002</u> – asked if a statement would be made into the suspicious deaths at Gosport
<b>Lord Alton of Liverpool</b>	Crossbench	<u>12 Mar 2003</u> – During debate on Patient's Protection Bill referred to a 'damming report from the Commission for Health Improvement following its investigation into elderly deaths at Gosport War Memorial Hospital'. The Bill aimed to 'prohibit the withholding or withdrawing of sustenance with the intention of causing death to the patient' and was introduced by Baroness Knight of Collingtree but did not become law.