

Thomas Jarman

No. BJC/29

Date of Birth:

Code A

Date of Death: 27 October 1999

Prior to his move to the Red House Residential Home in June 1999 Mr Jarman was a widower who lived alone in his own house.

Mr Jarman had been diagnosed with hairy cell

leukaemia in May 1999.

Mr Jarman was admitted to Queen Alexandra Hospital and then transferred to Gosport War Memorial on 27 October 1999 for rehabilitation following an episode of bronchopneumonia.

Mr Jarman was recorded, on admission, to be choking on his feeding and was seen by the speech and language therapist.

On 7 November 1999 Mr Jarman was noted to be distressed and agitated and was given oral Morphine with no effect. That night Mr Jarman remained distressed and screaming louder; a syringe driver was commenced with Midazolam and low dose Diamorphine.

Further deterioration was noted on 8 and 9 November 1999 and the doses of Diamorphine were increased. Mr Jarman became unresponsive and was felt to be pain free.

Although there was some concern expressed by the experts in reviewing this case at the escalating levels of Diamorphine, it was felt that the underlying medical problems would account for his death and there was no evidence of any intent other than to make Mr Jarman comfortable in his terminal phase.