

• **JEAN**  
**STEVENS**

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Time/Date Seized/Produced

19th May 2005

Where Seized/Produced

Office for National Statistics

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Operation Rochester

Major Incident Item No.

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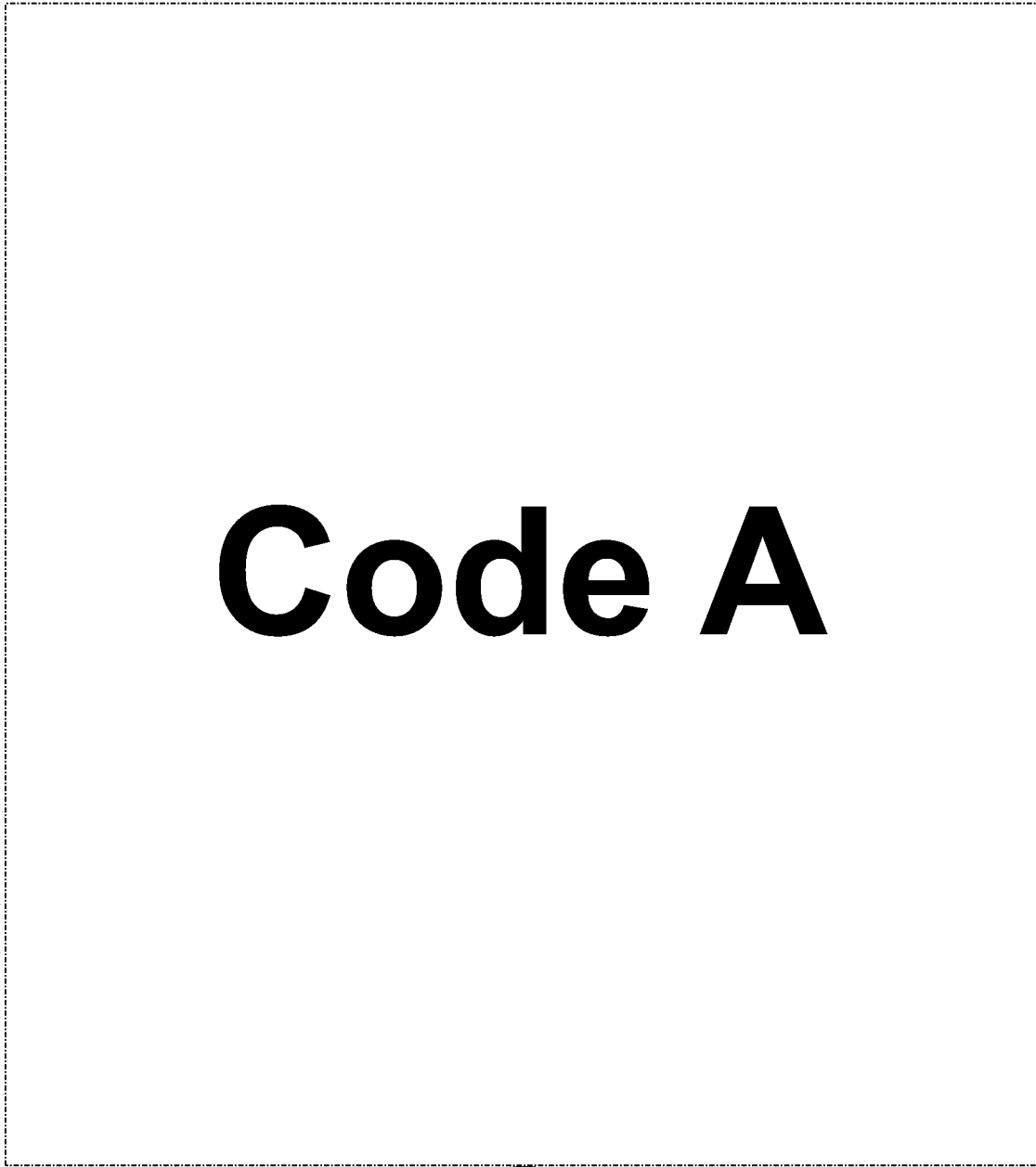
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For use of Medical Practitioner, who should complete in all cases.

Name of deceased } JEAN STEVENS

Date of death } 22 5 79

Age } 73

Place of death } LAZARUS  
Lima.

Last seen alive } 21-5-79  
by me }

Post-mortem/\*  
Coroner 1 2 3 4

Whether seen after death\* (a) b c

Cause of death:—  
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(b)  
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Employment?  Please tick where applicable

B. F. M.  
Sign  
Date  
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**Officer's Report**

Number: R7CF

TO:  
STN/DEPT:

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FROM: Code A

REF:

STN/DEPT: OPERATION ROCHESTER

TEL/EXT:

SUBJECT:

DATE: 02/03/2004

With reference to the meeting held by the clinical team on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2004 (29/02/2004) the following categories were given to the outstanding patients.

BJC/7 + JR/3/KMR/1 CARBY With the review of the requested Haslar notes no change in the original category was given.

BJC/22 + JR/1 HADLEY With the review of the requested Haslar notes, no change in the original category.

BJC/46 + JR/2 ROGERS With the review of the requested Haslar notes, no change in the original category.

BJC/76 with the review of the correct set of notes relating to John RITCHIE . The team was unable to give any opinion as the records only related to a period between 1976 - 1981 . I have spoken to the records staff at GWMH and they are reviewing their search.

BJC/39 + JR/5 RAMSEY After reviewing the correct notes for Joan RAMSEY, she was placed in the 1A category.

BJC/46 + JR/4 STEVENS After reviewing the Haslar notes the team placed Mrs STEVENS as a 2B. They noted she had been receiving an escalating dose of diamorphine whilst at Haslar. Jean STEVENS was originally categorised as a 3.

BJC/58 + JR/6 CORKE The team didn't feel that this patient fell within the remit of Operation Rochester. However they did feel that the GP management was poor/negligent. They marked this case as a 2A, when I requested a score based on the information available to them.

In relation to the additional cases supplied by the police the following applies.

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BJC/59 COX Mary : 1B

BJC/77 CLEMENTS : 2B. I enquired if the quality of these notes made them legible, I was informed they were. The hard copy supplied by WORM is of poor quality.

BJC/78 DONOGHUE : 1A. In the absence of the drugs charts but going on entries in the nursing notes the team were able to mark this patient.

BJC/79 + JR/7 SMITH Horace With reference to the requested Haslar notes, Mr SMITH was placed within the 1A category. He was initially placed as a 2 due to lack of information at the time.

BJC/80 BRENNAN : 1A noted that her daughter treated her. Her date of death is incorrect on the file.

BJC/81 BENSON : 2a

BJC/82 CRESDEE Olive : In the absence of any medical notes, nursing notes or drugs charts the team were unable to allocate any category.

BJC/83 HURNELL The team felt that there were problems with this lady's treatment but felt they were outside the remit of Rochester. They noted that the family had received an apology from the PHCT. This patient was sent to a psychiatric hospital as there were no beds at the hospice despite the family requesting she be returned to an acute ward. See O/R relating to HURNELL ref 'comments on finding'.

In relation to the records relating to Professor BAKER's report the following was concluded.

BJC/60 STANFORD Dorothy : 2B

BJC/61 WILLIS Norman : 2A

BJC/62 BURT Margaret : 2A

BJC/63 HORN Frank : 2B

BJC/64 MILLER Vera : 2A

BJC/65 ASKEW Catherina : 2B

BJC/66 HORNE Phyliss : 2B

BJC/67 LAKE Ruby : No score due to absence of drugs charts, nursing notes and Haslar notes.

BJC/68 LEEK Mable : 2B comments made about doses of opiates being made late at night, why?

BJC/69 SKEENS Euphemia : 2A



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BJC/70 MARSHALL Rhoda : 2B

BJC/71

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BJC/72 SERVICE Helena : 3B

BJC/73 BROWN Pamela : 2B concerns due to huge increase in dose of medication.

BJC/74 DUMBLETON Harry : Unable to access accurately due to lack of drugs chart. This case caused "high concern", suggested checking drug register for sequence of events relating to 07/06/1993 - 11/06/1993 where in nursing notes refers to sedated but concerns as to 'what with'.

BJC/75 HARRINGTON Wilfred : 2A

BJC/76 RITCHIE (see previous note)

BJC/77 CLEMENTS Doris : 2B medical team notes legible but WORM copy poor.

I have made enquiries with ref to Gladis RICHARD with Janice RIX at Royal Naval Institute of Medicine (02392768064). She will raise the records relating to RICHARDS and if the required authorities are in place, release the originals. If not then she will allow access to document at the institute. I await her call upon finding them. I have updated GWMH in relation to RITCHIE they are making further searches for any other files relating to John RITCHIE.

The medical team pointed out that some records relating to BJC/70 + BJC/72 had been mixed up between both sets on the DVD/CD.

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**OPERATION ROCHESTER**  
**CLINICAL TEAM'S SCREENING FORM**

Exhibit number

**Code A**

Final Score:

**Screeners Name: R E Ferner**  
**Date Of Screening: 27<sup>th</sup> December 2003**

**Signature**

BJC/46  
JEAN STEVENS  
73

**Code A**

PL grading A2



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B3

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# Code A

BJC/46

JR/04

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Statement number: S211

DOCUMENT RECORD PRINT

STATEMENT PRINT

Surname: STEVENS

Forenames: ERNEST JOHN

Age: 77

Date of Birth: Code A

Address:

Occupation:

Telephone:

State:

**Code A**

Appearance Code:

Height: 1.73

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Signature witnessed by:

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Statement number: S211A

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STATEMENT PRINT

Surname: STEVENS

Forenames: ERNEST JOHN

Age: 77

Date of Birth: **Code A**

**Code A**

Appearance Code:

Height: 1.73

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Further to my statement dated 16<sup>th</sup> April 2004 (16/04/2004) I wish to add the following:

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Signed: E J STEVENS

Signature witnessed by:

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Statement number: S209

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Statement number: S209

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**Code A**

**Code A**

Signed: J BAILEY

Signature witnessed by: E K BAILEY

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Statement number: S210

DOCUMENT RECORD PRINT

STATEMENT PRINT

Surname: BAILEY

Forenames: EDWARD KENNETH

**Code A**

Eyes: /

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was and he told me it was the smell of morphine.

That was the last time I saw Jean alive.

Signed:

Signature witnessed by:

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Statement number: S322B

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STATEMENT PRINT

Surname: BURGESS

Forenames: DAVID

Age: OVER 18

Date of Birth:

Address:

Postcode:

Occupation: CIVIL SERVANT

Telephone No.:

**Code A**

Hair Details: Position

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**Code A**

Signed: D Burgess

Signature witnessed by:

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Statement number: S280C

DOCUMENT RECORD PRINT

STATEMENT PRINT

Surname: SPRAGG

Forenames: JACQUELINE ANN

Age: OVER 18

Date of Birth:

**Code A****Code A**

Appearance Code: 1

Height: 1.61

Build:

Hair Details: PositionStyleColour

Eyes: /

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I am Jacqueline Ann SPRAGG and I reside at an address known to Hampshire Police.

I am employed as the Patients Affairs Officer at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital and have held this post since February 2004. Part of my responsibilities are the issue of the cause of death certificates and the retention of all accountable stationery.

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2005 (06/06/2005) at the request of DC 2479 YATES of the Hampshire Constabulary I handed to him the original Form 66, cause of death certificate book (Numbers 231801 to 231850) containing the stub of certificate No. 231831. This stub relates to the cause of death certificate for the patient Jean STEVENS who died at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital on

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22/5/99 (22/05/1999). This stub is available with an ID Ref JAS/CODC/7.

Signed: J.A Spragg

Signature witnessed by:

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**Summary of Clinical Team comments on category 3 cases.**

**BJC/46  
JEAN STEVENS (73)**

**Dr Peter LAWSON**

**Code A**

**PL grading A2**

**Dr Robin FERNER**

**Code A**

**Irene WATERS**

**Jean Stevens**

Date of Birth: **Code A**

Date of admission to GWMH: **20th May 1999**

Date and time of Death: **22.30 hours on 22nd May 1999**

Cause of Death:

Post Mortem: **Burial**

Length of Stay: **2 days**

**Code A**

20

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# HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY

**Paul R. Kernaghan QPM LL.B MA DPM MCIPD**  
Chief Constable

**Fareham Police Station**  
Quay Street  
Fareham  
Hampshire  
P016 ONA

Mr Stevens

**Code A**

21<sup>st</sup> July 2005

Dear Mr Stevens,

The purpose of this letter is to set out, in order, the investigation relating to your late wife's treatment at the Gosport War Memorial hospital (GWMH) prior to her death in May 1999.

Can I remind you of the sequence of events.

Operation Rochester was commenced in 2002 in order to investigate concerns raised by a number of families regarding the circumstances of relatives whilst patients at the GWMH. You reported your concerns to us on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2002.

As you may remember, on the 6th Jan 2003 the Police obtained the medical records relating to Mrs Stevens, from the Gosport War Memorial Hospital. These records were copied and distributed to a team of medical experts who specialised in the following fields, Toxicology (the study and effect of chemicals upon the body), Palliative (the care of the terminally ill), Geriatrics (Care of the elderly), General Medicine and Nursing.

Having studied the content of the medical records, the experts came to the joint conclusion that the care that your wife received gave them cause for grave concern. Their review paid particular attention to the medication that she was both prescribed and administered. Accordingly your wife's case was categorised as a level 3 (most serious).

The medical experts identified that there appeared to be a lack of initial detailed medical information and thus could not identify why she received the care that she did. As a direct result, the police investigation was centred on discovering further medical records that related to your wife's initial admission. These records were subsequently found at the Royal Naval Hospital Haslar.

The records were seized on the 16th October 2003, copied and re-distributed to the medical experts. The medical team performed a further detailed review of these notes. They reported their findings at a conference held last February.

Their conclusions were amended in the light of the Haslar records. They noted that your wife had been admitted to Haslar Hospital on 26<sup>th</sup> April 1999 having suffered a CVA (stroke). Her recovery was affected when she later suffered a Myocardial Infarction (heart attack) on 28<sup>th</sup> April 1999.

Mrs Stevens was transferred to the Gosport War memorial hospital on the 20th May 1999. She subsequently died two days later.

The medical experts all agreed that the treatment Mrs Stevens received had been the correct and appropriate treatment from the day of her admission to Haslar. Her treatment and the subsequent care plans were fully in line with what they would expect in light of her continuing illness.

Mrs Stevens had been prescribed and administered appropriate levels of analgesics (pain relief) to alleviate her pain and potential discomfort from the date of her admission. This care continued whilst she was a patient at GWMH.

In reviewing the medical records in their entirety, the experts are now of the opinion that the care and treatment of your wife was fully in accordance with standard medical practice. Accordingly they were able re-categorised your wife's case as level 1. These means that they had no cause for concern regarding the treatment provided by any healthcare professional and that your wife died of natural causes.

These findings have subsequently been ratified by an independent medical legal expert to ensure that all possible enquiries have been concluded.

Enquires of this nature are complex and detailed and inevitably take time. As new evidence emerges it can change significantly the way we need to we view each case. I know from my previous visit to you and from what Kate Robinson has reported to me, how distressing this matter has been for you and your family.

I would therefore like to take this opportunity to thank you for the patience, support and dignity you have displayed during our investigation.

Yours sincerely

**Code A**

Nigel Niven  
Deputy SIO

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Number: R7FR

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FROM: D. **Code A**  
STN/DEPT: OPERATION ROCHESTERREF:  
TEL/EXT:

SUBJECT:

DATE: 21/07/2005

At 1030 on 21/07/05 I visited Ernie STEVENS at his h/a with DI NIVEN, June BAILEY , his daughter was also present.

DI NIVEN informed them of the findings of the clinical team after their review of the Haslar medical records. This being the movement of Mrs STEVENS category from a 3 to a 1, ie death from natural causes.

Mr STEVENS was also given a letter outlining the same information as a point of reference.

The family were grateful for the news and thanked police for our efforts.

I am to remain as point of reference in case of any further query.

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