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Diane Harcourt

To..David Williams, Detective Super.
Fareham Police Stn., Fareham PO16ONA

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12/09/04

Ref operation Rochester, Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter dated 6/9/04.

I wish to protest the conclusion that whilst my father was given 'sub optimal' treatment there will be no further police action.

My father was injected with what turned out to be a lethal dose of Diamorphine.

The facts are that he was admitted to Haslar Hospital for Gall Bladder surgery which was successful, and because his wife (my mother) who was in her eighties was unable to cope with his convalescence in their one bed flat, he was admitted to the War Memorial for convalescence.

Though he was a late onset diabetic, his medication for that problem was withheld.

This resulted in a deterioration in his circulation and an ulcerated heel. The pain killers were administered to help relieve the pain.

I was later phoned at home to give the hospital permission to inject morphine but I would not give that permission.

They then asked my mother and I suppose she gave permission in complete ignorance of the probable outcome.

Another serious problem is that they lied on his death certificate i.e. We visited him daily and apart from confusion probably brought about by the lack of diabetic medicine, there was no sign of senility, (which doesn't come on in a week) yet this was given as a cause of death.

The other condition noted on the certificate was pneumonia, but unless this came on overnight, it is a lie, as he was not suffering from chest pains, coughing or any other symptom associated with pneumonia.

The actual cause of death was an overdose of Diamorphine

I consider the recorded cause of death an insult to his memory and do not propose to drop the matter until this is changed.

Many Thanks,

Code A