

Expert Review

Dennis Amey

No. BJC/02

Date of Birth: Code A

Date of Death: 20 December 1990

Mr Amey was admitted to Gosport War Memorial Hospital on 14 November 1990 following a request from Mrs Amey. Mr Amey at that time had problems with his catheter, he was incontinent and was having spasms. Mr Amey had very severe Parkinson's disease. He was admitted for terminal care.^{DA1}

Mr Amey was started on Morphine elixir on 11 December 1990 and by the time of his death on 19 December 1990 he was on 120mgs of Diamorphine subcutaneously per twenty-four hours. Dr Lawson notes that Mr Amey was very unwell and in pain.

The experts have determined that this dose of Morphine was high and possibly sub optimal but without additional documentary evidence cannot be clear as to whether the doses of Diamorphine was escalated only in response to uncontrolled pain.^{DA2}