

Expert Review

Dennis Brickwood

No. BJC/06B

Date of Birth: **Code A**

Date of Death: 12 June 1998

Mr Brickwood was admitted to hospital on 15 January 1998 after a fall where he sustained a fracture to his neck and femur.

On 3 February 1998 he was transferred to Gosport War Memorial Hospital for rehabilitation. His medical history included carcinoma of the prostate, osteoporosis and myoma.

He was assessed in March 1998 with a view to being discharged home but, following a trial visit on 6 April 1998, this was not considered a possibility.

In May 1998 he developed musculoskeletal chest pain together with a chest infection.

The infection did not respond to antibiotics despite a change in treatment.^{DB1}

Opioids were started when Mr Brickwood's condition was failing on the second antibiotic tried.

The experts note that the Morphine/Diamorphine was escalated and a large amount of Hyoscine and Midazolam added to the syringe driver although it was not felt death was accelerated as a result of this treatment.