

Expert Review

Sydney Chivers

No. BJC/09

Date of Birth:

Code A

Date of Death: 20 June 1999

Mr Chivers was admitted in May 1999 to the Gosport War Memorial Hospital from the Queen Alexander Hospital for rehabilitation after suffering a cerebrovascular accident as well as being treated for congestive cardiac failure and a chest infection.

In early June 1999, Mr Chivers' condition deteriorated and he complained of a pain in his hands and also abdominal pain. Soon after this he was commenced on Fentanyl together with Oramorph and on 19 June, having been seen by Dr Brooks, a syringe driver was commenced.

The experts felt that cause of death was probably unclear and noted the opioids were escalated without trying other ways of stopping the pain but did not feel the treatment was negligent.