Expert Review

Violet Reeve

No. BJC/40

Date of Birth:

Code A

Date of Death: 14 April 1997

Miss Reeve was admitted to the Queen Alexander Hospital on 18 October 1996 following a stroke affecting her left side. She developed marked weakness and later swallowing difficulties. She was transferred on 11 November 1996 to Gosport War Memorial Hospital for rehabilitation.

During the admission she remained very distressed and was seen by Dr Gibb a neurologist.

The experts have concluded that Miss Reeve clearly had a poor prognosis and very difficult mental state problems.

Dr Lord seemed to have decided, not withstanding the advice of Dr Gibb, to continue sedation and the experts concluded that she was likely to be made more comfortable at the end with the treatment regime of Midazolam and Diamorphine.