

Expert Review

Stanley Carby

No. BJC/07

Date of Birth: Code A

Date of Death: 27 April 1999

Mr Carby was admitted to Gosport War Memorial Hospital on 26 April 1999 for rehabilitation. He was transferred from the Royal Haslar Hospital where he had been admitted in April 1999 suffering a stroke. The stroke affected the left hand side of his body, this required Mr Carby to have assistance with eating and drinking.

On 27 April 1999 Mr Carby suddenly deteriorated becoming cyanosed dyspnoeic. This clinically appeared to be an extension of his previous stroke.

A syringe driver was set up with a high dose of Diamorphine and Midazolam. Mr Carby died forty-five minutes later. All the experts agree that he would not have received enough of either drug to have influenced his survival. Dr Naismith noted that he may well have received less than normal since he had low blood pressure and was peripherally cyanosed.

The cause of death was shown as cerebral vascular accident and was certified by Dr Barton. Mr Carby was cremated.

The large dose of Diamorphine makes the care sub optimal but it had no effect on Mr Carby's prognosis.