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OPERATION ROCHESTER**Briefing Notes****Tuesday 6th June 2000 at 09.30 a.m.****Major Incident Complex, Fratton****Code A**

Two pairs of Officers are conducting enquiries at Gosport War Memorial and Haslar Hospitals.

DC MCNALLY

The drug Oromorph is a potent analgesic used for sedation and he has been making these enquiries due to this drug being mentioned as an issue by Professor LIVESLEY. Concerning manufacturers of Midozalam, Doctors CORCORAN and SOLOMON are both concerned in the manufacture of this drug and although they slightly differ in their opinions, both said Midozalam is unsuitable treatment for recuperating patients. Doctor SOLOMON has offered his investigative assistance on the drug issue and undertook to conduct this not knowing names of hospitals etc.

A/Det. Supt. BURT

Will consider that offer in conjunction with services provided by Professor LIVESLEY.

DC MCNALLY

Written warnings accompany the drugs which include warnings as to the welfare and concerns of use upon elderly patients.

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Two War Memorial pharmacists have seen the notes and both said to the effect that's an old lady that's dying. It appears the drug use is in line with current Portsmouth Health Care Trust guidelines with the main question being, "Did RICHARDS require palliative care or not".

Pharmacist and nurses at the War Memorial are consulting their professional body in respect of legal advice.

Clarified that drug dosage appears to have remained constant over four days.

DI SHAND

Solicitors, legal executive Jim GRAHAM is now acting for Gosport War Memorial staff via the Royal College of Nursing. GRAHAM thought the interviews were to be under caution

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but DI SHAND clarified that they will be witness interviews.

A retired Gosport War Memorial nurse Jenny BREWER has been spoken to briefly, refuses to make any statement saying she has already made one and that this investigation has been stirred up by two daughters and has been blown up out of all proportion.

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Doctor BARTON's contract is provisionally on route to us via HUMPHREY conditional upon Doctor BARTONS' consent.

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It would be useful to possess the original Portsmouth Health Care Trust RICHARDS' file which resulted in the report concerning BREWERS' mention of the previous statement. It was clarified that this file is their investigation file following initial complaint.

DI SHAND

He had already arranged an action to obtain said file.

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Photographs of the ward at the War Memorial would be useful for the investigation.

Actions allocated to date are revolving around Professor LIVESLEY's draft report which contains various requests for further information from him.

Approximately 500 Gosport War Memorial deaths are subject of a spreadsheet preparation, this information having been obtained by DC MASON from the Registrar.

A/Det. Supt. BURT

He would view resources in approximately 1 week.