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From: Grocott, David
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To: 'Petch Dr. Michael'
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Subject: Helena Service

Dr Petch,

Thanks for your call this morning in relation to the case of Helena SERVICE.

In answer to your questions. The medical notes relating to Gosport War Memorial Hospital are contained within the file of 401 pages.

The doctors medical notes are restricted to one entry on one page P164. These are the notes of Dr Barton. The second entry relates to death verification by a nurse.

The prescription sheets for the hospital can be found at pages 37 & 38

The corresponding nursing summary can be found commencing on P22.

In order to assist you understanding the position Dr Barton was taking at the time of her prescriptions I attach a copy of her statement. At para 23 she makes reference as to what her reasons were for the prescribing of opiod medicines.

I hope these points assist. If I can help further please contact me

Regards

Dave Grocott
D/Insp



STATEMENT OF DR
JANE BARTON. s...

STATEMENT OF DR JANE BARTON**RE: HELENA SERVICE**

1. I am Dr Jane BARTON of the Forton Medical Centre, White's Place, Gosport, Hampshire. As you are aware, I am a General Practitioner, and from 1988 until 2000, I was in addition the sole clinical assistant at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital (GWMH).
2. I understand you are concerned to interview me in relation to a patient at the GWMH, Mrs Helena SERVICE. Unfortunately, at this remove of time I have no recollection at all of Mrs SERVICE. As you are aware, I provided you with a statement on the 4th November 2004 (04/11/2004), which gave information about my practice generally, both in relation to my role as a General Practitioner and as the clinical assistant at the GWMH. I adopt that statement now in relation to general issues insofar as they relate to Mrs SERVICE.
3. In that statement I indicated when I had first taken up the post, the level of dependency of patients was relatively low and that in general the patients did not have major medical needs. I said that over time that position changed very considerably and that patients who were increasingly dependent would be admitted to the wards. I indicated that certainly by 1998 many of the patients were profoundly dependent with minimal Barthel scores, and there was significant bed occupancy. The demands on my time and that of the nursing staff were considerable. I was in effect left with the choice of attending to my patients and making notes as best I could, or making more detailed notes about those I did see, but potentially neglecting other patients. The statement largely represented the position at the GWMH in 1998. I confirm that these comments are indeed a fair and accurate summary of the position then.
4. The demands on my time were probably only marginally less in 1997 than the position which then pertained in 1998 and beyond. Certainly by 1997 there had been a significant increase in dependency, increase in bed occupancy, and consequent decrease in the ability to make notes of each and every assessment and review of a patient. These difficulties clearly applied to both myself and my nursing staff at the time of our care of Mrs SERVICE. Similarly I had by this stage felt obliged to adopt the policy of pro-active prescribing to which I have made reference in my previous statement to you, given the constraints and demands on time.
5. From Mrs SERVICE's medical records it is apparent that in 1981 she had a partial

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