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**Gosport War Memorial Hospital
Time-line of key events**

Chronology of Events		
Date	Event	Note
1980	Dr JB contracts with Health Authority to work at GWMH	
1988	New contract for Dr JB with Health Authority.	
1991	First formal letter sent expressing concerns at prescribing practice and use of syringe drivers at Redclyffe Annexe. More detail in separate dedicated document. This dedicated document refers to concerns having been raised two years earlier, and them not being addressed since then.	
1994	Portsmouth Healthcare Trust (PHCT) established. Provides care at all community hospitals in SE Hants. Service management and medical staff come from Medicine for Elderly People division, and nursing staff managed by F&G division of PHCT	New service provider taking over responsibility from the Health Authority
1995	Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust established. Provides acute care in this area.	
1996	Code A died – Dryad Ward Elsie Lavender died – Daedalus Ward Robert Wilson died – Dryad Ward	All highlighted patients have family members on witness list
1997	Helena Service died – Dryad Ward	
1998	Arthur Cunningham died – Dryad Ward Ruby Lake died – Dryad Ward	
1999	Enid Spurgin died – Dryad Ward Geoffrey Packman died – Dryad Ward Elsie Devine died – Dryad Ward Sheila Gregory died – Dryad Ward.	
Dec 98 – March 99	Police conducted investigation into the death of Gladys Richards (RIP 22/08/98), but CPS decided insufficient evidence to prosecute.	1 st Police inv.
Oct 99	Second Police investigation announced.	2 nd Police inv.
2000	Staff grade took up post at GWMH, replacing clinical assistant (Dr JB)	
2001 March 01	Independent Review into death of Elsie Devine. Local media coverage leads to other families coming forward with concerns.	
2001 onwards April 01	Dr JB enters into voluntary agreement to restrict her prescribing and for her prescribing to be monitored. PCPCT established	New service provider

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Aug 01	2 nd Police investigation concludes insufficient evidence for prosecution, but have concerns about practices at GWMH and refer to CHI.	
Oct 01	CHI starts investigation.	CHI
2002	PHCT dissolved, and F&G PCT and EH PCTs established. Management of wards and employment of nurses at GWMH transferred to F&GPCT, whilst management of Medicine for Elderly People service, including employment of medical staff working at GWMH, transferred to EHPCT.	New service providers
July 2002	CHI reports. 1991 events made public. SHA set up helpline as more families come forward with concerns.	CHI
Sept 02	Police begin collating evidence for 3 rd investigation. Tony Horne and Ian Piper temporarily redeployed whilst independent investigation commissioned by SHA/PCT initiated. This was because they were party to management decisions taken in 1991.	3 rd Police inv.
Nov 02	Joint Action Plan between F&G and EH PCTs to address recommendations made in CHI report approved by F&G PCT Board.	CHI
March 03	Tony Horne and Ian Piper reinstated in their posts.	
Jan 04	F&G Clinical Governance group takes over responsibility for overseeing CHI Action Plan, which has met its objectives.	
March 05	F&G and EH PCTs linked into one cluster PCT	New organisational arrangement
Sept 06	F&G and EH PCT cluster formally dissolved	
Oct 06	Portsmouth Hospitals Trust takes over the management of services for Medicine for Older People (DMOP). Now both nurses and medical staff have same employer. Dryad and Daedalus ward teams formally transferred to PHT, and so medical services for older people now provided in Collingwood and Ark Royal wards. CPS concludes the 3 rd Police investigation, saying insufficient evidence to prosecute any health care staff.	New service provider
May 07	Home Secretary ordered inquest into the deaths of 10 people at GWMH (listed earlier).	
Aug 07	Coroner met with Ministry of Justice and DH to discuss inquest	
Dec 07	GMC decides to hold hearing into deaths regarding the role of Dr J Barton	
May 08	Coroner opens and adjourns inquests into ten deaths at GWMH.	
Jan 09	Coroner holds pre-inquest review with families and legal teams from NHS and NMC.	
March 09	Inquests start.	