

APP (9)

RE: ARTHUR CUNNINGHAM. 'Brian'

Brian was admitted to Dryad Ward on 21.9.98 from Dolphin Day Hospital.

On admission he was in pain & discomfort - to relieve these he was given tramadol 5mgms at 14:50. We were unable to contact Shirley Sellowood - N.O.K. to inform her of his admission - this was Brian's request. Mrs. Sellowood was to then inform Mr. Farthing - his stepson. Mr. Farthing arrived on the ward before 5.30pm. I saw him briefly before going off duty. I did tell him that we had given Brian a small dose of tramadol to relieve his pain & discomfort. He didn't pass any comment.

I was not on duty on 22/9/98 but I saw Mr. Farthing again on Wed. 23/9/ at approx 13:00. with Staff nurse Freda Shaw. He was angry that the syringe driver had been commenced & asked for it to be discontinued. I explained that I would have to consult Dr. Lord before doing what he requested. I also asked him what other method we were to use to give Brian pain control - again he didn't comment - During this time Mr. Farthing spent time on the ward - not sitting at Brian's bedside but in one of our Day Rooms - preparing a lecture.

On Thursday, Mr. Farthing was seen

by Dr. Garton - who explained yet again why we use the syringe driver & the advantages of using the driver. She also explained that he may well develop a chest infection again that might not respond to antibiotics - that we would make sure he is kept comfortable & pain free. Mr. Farthing was in again on the Friday morning - again stayed in the Day Room. I was off duty lunch time on the Friday & Juan died at 23:15 on the 26.9.98.