

Portsmouth HealthCare NHS Trust
MEMORANDUM

From
Ian Piper
Re: Operational Director

IP/dh

To
Trust Board

cc
David Barker
Fiona Cameron
Lesley Humphrey
Lorna Green

02 April 2001

MEDIA INTEREST

It is likely that the News will run a story in the next few days relating to GR who was a patient at Gosport War Memorial hospital. A complaint regarding GR's case was received and investigated by the Trust in August 1998, and no evidence of inappropriate care was identified.

In the Autumn of 1998 one of GR's daughters claimed that GR was unlawfully killed. The case has been investigated by the police and the papers are with the Crown Prosecution Service, who will decide whether or not a case should be brought.

The position taken by the Trust will be:-

1. The Trust investigated the initial complaint regarding GR's care, and found no evidence of inappropriate care
2. We are aware of the police investigation at Gosport War Memorial Hospital
3. The Trust has co-operated fully with the police
4. This is the only case at Gosport War Memorial Hospital being investigated by the police
5. We are waiting for the decision of the Crown Prosecution Service
6. We are unable to comment further on the issues whilst these are with the Crown Prosecution Service.
7. The Trust takes the safety of it's patients very seriously.

David Barker has been asked to brief South East Regional Office and the Health Authorities.

Code A