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As you are all aware, there has been interest in the police investigation at GWMH from the Sunday Mail. Chester Stern reporter has phoned the police media office and me, this afternoon [i have since spoken to the p media office]

The media office confirmed for him that a police Team out of Fratton P Station are investigating the death of a 91 at GWMH. He asked if the investigation spanned more than one patient - the police told him this was not the case. Comment from media office was that he did not seem all that bothered, and seemed to have limited information.

He asked me two questions; the first being about more than on patient involved and I could honestly say he'd need to ask the police that question; the second was had anybody been suspended - to which I replied this was a police investigation into a complaint made to them and that there were no staff suspensions associated with the case. Again interest/questions seemed minimal.

Chester e did not mention the patients name or the date of death, so we did not offer this information.

So no real problems today - but if Mail on Sunday prints a story we are likely to get local press interest in more detail next week.

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