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Lesley Humphrey - Quality Manager 20 April 2001 09:59 Ian Piper - Operational Director; Max Millett - Chief Executive; Fiona Cameron-General Manager; Reid, Richard Ian (Dr) GWMH

Althea has read through the Graham notes. Mr Graham had Louis [?spelling] Body Dementia, which is relatively rapidly progressive and deteriorated quickly after admission. Wife was struggling with concept of type of dementia and effects/prognosis - difficult to treat [sort physical symptoms and you make mental symptoms worse and visa versa]. Mr Graham became very unwell and very distressed and disturbed [impossible to take B/P etc because so aggitated]. Small doses of diamorphine given to calm him - wife advised.

Althea arranged coroners post mortem, as wife concerned about dementia diagnosis. Cause of death recorded by coroner as natural causes; double pneumonia + dementia. Because wife anxious about type of dementia diagnosed brain sent to Southampton for specialist examination - test takes about 3 months and not seen as urgent after death - Althea has checked, no results as of yet.

Notes will be sent to me for safe keeping for the time being.

Lesley