

Expert Review

Leonard Graham

No. BJC/20

Date of Birth: Code A

Mr Graham was seventy-five when he was admitted to Gosport War Memorial Hospital on 16 August 2000.

Mr Graham was admitted to Queen Alexander Hospital on 16 August 2000 with a chest infection, urinary tract infection, poor mobility and swallowing difficulties. Following treatment he was transferred to Gosport War Memorial Hospital for continuing care.

The transfer form noted that Mr Graham was incontinent of both urine and faeces, that he required a hoist to transfer and needed a pureed diet and thickened fluids together with a requirement for feeding.

Mr Graham's past medical history at the time of admission included lewy body dementia, hallucinations, carcinoma of the lung and idiopathic parkinson's disease.

On 14 September 2000 Mr Graham was noted by nursing staff to be unresponsive and had a grey colour.

He was given 2.5mgs Diamorphine subcutaneously and a possible diagnosis of a clot moving from his legs to his lungs was put forward.

The expert review of the notes noted the Diamorphine prescription at the time of collapse as being appropriate pain relief in the circumstances of this case.

In conclusion Mr Graham had a sudden terminal event and was given an appropriate small dose of Diamorphine.