

Expert Review

Dorothy Vince

No. BJC/49

Date of Birth: Code A

Mrs Vince was ninety-one at the date of her admission to Gosport War Memorial Hospital on 14 July 1997.

Her past medical history included carcinoma of the uterus, congestive cardiac failure and diverticular disease. She was a non insulin dependent diabetic.

Mrs Vince had been admitted to the Queen Alexander Hospital as an emergency admission, via her GP, suffering from diarrhoea and weight loss. She was transferred to the Gosport War Memorial Hospital for rehabilitation having been diagnosed with diverticular disease following a colonoscopy.

On 18 July 1997 Mrs Vince was reported to be vomiting and complaining of feeling tired and weary. There was a sudden deterioration in her condition and she died at 5.05 a.m.

Although the actual cause of death was not clear at the time she was not being given any analgesia nor was receiving any drugs via a syringe driver.

The expert review of this case did not identify any problems with the management of this case.