

Horsley, David

From: Horsley, David
Sent: 24 April 2009 14:01
To: 'Maggie Ward'
Subject: RE: Norma Windsor - deceased 7/5/2000

Dear Mrs Ward,

Thank you for your email.

For a Coroner to investigate and hold an Inquest into a death, they must have reasonable grounds to suspect that the death is not due to natural causes.

As you'll be aware, the police investigated a very large number of deaths that occurred at Gosport War Memorial Hospital in the 1990's. In 10 of those cases, after lengthy investigation, the police uncovered evidence that suggested to me that they might not be due to natural causes. The recent Inquests were in respect of those 10 deaths.

I am conducting one further Inquest in respect of a lady who died at Gosport hospital in the 1990's.

The circumstances of her death appear, at the moment, to be somewhat different to the others as she died after having sustained injuries in a fall. This would be a situation where if her death had happened now, I would hold an Inquest into it in any event.

I do not have any evidence before me now to give me reasonable cause to suspect that any other death at Gosport in the 1990's was due to anything other than natural causes.

Hence I do not believe I have legal grounds for conducting any further investigations/Inquests in relation to them.

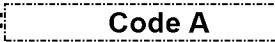
Of course, if you are in possession of any evidence regarding your mother's death that you have not previously supplied to the police, then you should pass it to them at this stage for them to look at. If it raises any suspicions about the circumstances of your mother's death, the police will inform me and I will give the matter further consideration.

I hope this information assists you.

David C. Horsley
H.M. Coroner
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From: Maggie Ward [mailto: Code A]
Sent: 20 April 2009 10:03
To: Horsley, David
Subject: FW: Norma Windsor - deceased 7/5/2000

Dear Mr Horsley

My mother was a patient at the Gosport War Memorial and was classed as a category 3 in the police investigation.

I attended the inquest of the 10 patients last week on the day that the coroner was gave his summing up. I understand that it was the last 10 under investigation with the police that have received an inquest and am very disappointed that we have not been given an inquest for my mother.

I feel a lot of people have a very strong case although I do believe that the situation with my mother was contributed by a considerable amount of neglect. It was my mothers 69th birthday on the day she passed away and although we had been able to move her from the war memorial just before her passing, she arrived in St Marys in a condition that she could not be saved and the doctors did say they had not received a patient from another hospital in such a condition previously. My mother went into the War Memorial for rest and recuperation, but never came home again. I believe my mother was on Sultan ward (which is the same ward during the same month and year as a gentleman that was moved early in his stay and survived for a further 7 years)


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I would very much appreciate any assistance or advise you can give or me as to how we will be able to have an inquest for my mother.

Yours sincerely

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