

OPERATION ROCHESTER

ADDITIONAL GENERIC CASE SUMMARY

Further to the individual case summaries, files prepared for the individual patients and the original generic case file. Additional statements, evidence has been obtained regarding events at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital. Again this file should be read in conjunction with the above mentioned submissions.

The main points covered are as follows:-

1. Working Practices at Gosport War Memorial Hospital

Agnes HOWARD – has been involved in nursing since 1959. Worked nights at GWMH since 1973 as a Health Care Support Worker. Was aware of the introduction of syringe drivers and of the concerns of the other nurses, i.e. TUBBRITT and GIFFIN.

Code A – Retired SEN involved in nursing for over 30 years. Worked at Radclyffe annex. In 1990 a new management regime was put in place and morale plummeted. Syringe drivers were prescribed by Dr. BARTON as required by the patient.

2. Supervision of Dr. BARTON

Dr John GRUNSTEIN – Retired in 2000 was a Medical Consultant. From 1971 was employed as a Consultant Physician in Geriatric Medicine for Portsmouth Health District. Details Dr BARTON's application for the Clinical Assistant post and training for the post. Covers ward round roles and responsibilities. Produces her application form and letter detailing her training as JAMG/1. Left GWMH in 1992.

Dr Robert LOGAN – Consultant covering GWMH, covers ward rounds and details out of hours consultant cover and the responsibilities of the Clinical Assistant. Has a vague recollection of the nursing concerns in 1991 regarding the use of syringe drivers. Produces a copy of a letter sent to Steve KING requesting him to speak to nursing staff re the concerns raised, and of notes made in the December 1991 meeting.

Further comments on the job description of the Clinical Assistant.

3. Recovery of Letters/Minutes Of Meetings Of Events In 1991

Lucy DOCHERTY – Chairman of the Fareham and Gosport Primary Care Trust – co-operates Toni SCAMMELL and Jane PARVIN's recovery of the documents (JEP/GWMH/1).

Anita TUBBRITT – Has no recollection of informing Toni SCAMMELL that 'the matter', i.e. syringe drivers, had been sorted out.

4. Concerns Raised by Shirley HALLMANN

Code A – Junior staff nurse at GWMH explains the procedure adhered to at GWMH re the administration of drugs via a syringe driver and explains the terms 'ANC' – all nursing care,

'TLC – tender loving care and 'I am happy for nursing staff to verify death'. Has no recollection of Shirley HALLMANN expressing her concerns regarding syringe driver's.

Lynne BARRETT – Staff Nurse – has no recollection of Shirley HALLMANN expressing her concerns regarding syringe drivers.

Freda SHAW – Staff Nurse – has no recollection of Shirley HALLMANN expressing her concerns regarding syringe drivers.

5. Working Practices/Policies and Equipment Available at GWMH

Antonia SCAMMELL - Senior Nurse, Shirley HALLMANN - Staff Nurse and Barbara ROBINSON - Service Manager all detail equipment and working practices at GWMH in particular that an ECG machine was available for use along with oxygen. In the event of a medical emergency staff would administer first aid (resuscitation) and call 999 for transfer to Queen Alexandra Hospital. Blood test results would be forwarded by post by the lab, but if urgent they would be telephoned direct

Chris DONOHUE – Medical Personnel Manager with Portsmouth Health Care Trust, dealt with the administration of training with the trust. Defines training and career grade posts, states that a Clinical Assistant is a substantive hospital grade.

Dr BEE WEE – Senior Lecturer in Palliative Medicine. Provided a 24 hours advisory service for health care professionals regarding patients at GWMH (and other health care establishments) receiving palliative care. Attended GWMH conducting out reach educational programme for palliative care, including Dryad Ward. This training included the use of syringe drivers, the analgesic ladder.

Dr Valerie VARDON – Part time staff grade in the Department Of Medicine For Elderly People at QA involved in the planning and launch of the Wessex Palliative Care Guide. Amends the 'protocol for Prescription and Administration of Diamorphine by Subcutaneous Infusion' written by Dr. REID (ID/FGDCT/1).

Simon WILLS – Drug Information Pharmacist within Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust. Produces a copy of the Compendium Of Drug Therapy Guidelines For 1998.(SW/CDG/1)

David HOYLE – Medical Support Officer produces Royal Hospital Haslar patient administrative form (DLH/DW/1) stating that 'all civilian patients transferred to the elderly medical bed placements in Gosport community hospitals must take notes (F Med 9 and enclosures) with them. Failure to do so will result in the transfer being refused.

6. Production Of Certificates

Gillian LLOWARCH – Team Manager in Certificate Services at the office for National Certificates produces a certified copy of the Death Certificate for:-

Geoffrey PACKMAN	GL/112
Ruby LAKE	GL/113

Sheila GREGORY	GL/114
Robert WILSON	GL/115
Enid SPURGIN	GL/116
Helena SERVICE	GL/117
Leslie PITTOCK	GL/118
Elsie LAVENDER	GL/119
Elsie DEVINE	GL/120
Arthur CUNNINGHAM	GL/121

(Duplicates of previously submitted certificates)

David BURGESS – Team Manager in Certificate Services at the office for National Certificates provides a certified copy of the Death Certificate for:-

Geoffrey PACKMAN DB/2013

Jacqueline SPRAGG – Patient Affairs Officer. Produces the cause of death certificate book with the relevant stubs for Geoffrey PACKMAN as JAS/CODC/12.

Dawn WHITEHEAD – Local Services Manager at the office for National Statistics. Produces medical certificates of cause of death (MEDA22) for:-

Ruby LAKE	- DW/1
Enid SPURGIN	- DW/3
Geoffrey PACKMAN	- DW/5
Robert WILSON	- DW/6
Elsie LAVENDER	- DW/7
Leslie PITTOCK	- DW/8
Helena SERVICE	- DW/9
Sheila GREGORY	- DW/10
Arthur CUNNINGHAM	- DW/12
Elsie DEVINE	- DW/13

And forms 100A – Notification to the registrar by the coroner that he does not consider it necessary to hold an inquest for:-

Ruby LAKE	- DW/2
Enid SPURGIN	- DW/4
Sheila GREGORY	- DW/11
Elsie DEVINE	- SW/14

7. Continuity of Exhibits

DC Code A Separates JEP/GWMH/1 and details each document.

DC Code A Receives medical records from Janice BRIX.

DC Code A – Receives medical records from Beverly CARTER.

DC Code A – Receives the ward controlled drugs' books from Janet PEACH, admission books from Beverley CARTER.

DC **Code A** - receives documentation relating to the meeting of 1991 (SG/GWMH/1) from Sylvia GIFFIN.