

Gosport War Memorial Hospital
Pre-Inquest Hearing Report
19th January 2009 10am
Portsmouth Guild Hall

Those Attending:

Ms Hill of Blake Laphorn
John White Blake Laphorn
Alan Jenkins MDU for Dr Barton
Stuart Knowles Mills & Reeve
Ms Bhoghl The PCC
Michael Tyrer for Charles Farthing
Elaine Williams for Hampshire PCT
Deborah Watts from Mills & Reeve
Dennis Blake BBC
Pauline Gregory
Ian Wilson
Alan Lavender
Betty Packman
Vicky Packman
Peter Mellor

1. Properly Interested Persons

Dr Barton
The families of the deceased
The Health Trust
The PCT

2. Witness Schedule:

see attached.

3. Document Bundle

This will be prepared by the Coroners Office and circulated prior to the Inquest.

4. Hospital Notes

have now been annotated and copies were made available to the properly interested persons.

5. The Drug Register

will be annotated by Mills & Reeve and copies made available.

6. Jury Proforma.

This was prepared by The Coroner but will be expanded to include background information of each deceased giving an outline of dates, condition etc and that will be circulated as soon as it is prepared.

7. A working bundle of documents in addition to the advanced disclosure will be prepared and an Index circulated.

- a. The Wessex guidelines are to be sent to the Coroners Office from the PCT and copies of those are to go to the Experts.
- b. It was fully accepted that Professor Black is an appropriate expert but doubt was expressed about the suitability of Dr Wilcock. The Coroners Office will contact Dr Wilcock to express those concerns and will await his comments.
- c. The Ford & Munday Reports are to be disclosed by the police.
- d. This is not an Article 2 Inquest.
- e. Concern was expressed about any possible Rule 43 Reports. This is not a case where it would be appropriate on the basis of the previous care to request a report under Rule 43.

Witness Schedule

March 18th

Opening Jury and Submissions

19. Lavender

20. Pittock

23. Service

24. Professor Black

25. Professor Black

26. Lake

27. Cunningham

30. Wilson

31. Wilson & Hamblin

April

1. Spurgeon

2. Packman

3. Devine

6. Dr Wilcock

7. Dr Wilcock

8. Devine

9. Gregory

14. Dr Barton

And onwards