

PORTSMOUTH AND SOUTH EAST HAMPSHIRE HEALTH AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Mrs. I. Evans
Patient Care Manager
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TO: See Distribution

Your Ref.

My Ref. IE/LP

7th November 1991

It has been brought to my attention that some members of the staff still have concerns over the appropriateness of the prescribing of Diamorphine to certain patients at Redclyffe Annexe.

I have discussed this matter with Dr. Logan and Dr. Barton who like myself are concerned about these allegations. To establish if there is any justification to review practice we have agreed to look at all individual cases staff have or have had any concerns over and then meet with all staff to discuss findings.

I am therefore writing to all the trained staff asking for the names of any patients that they feel Diamorphine (or any other drug) has been prescribed inappropriately.

To ensure everyones views are considered I would appreciate a reply from every member of staff even if it is purely to state they have no concerns, by 21st November.

I am relying on your full co-operation and hope on this occasion everyone will be open and honest over this issue so we are able to address everyones concerns and hopefully resolve this issue in a constructive and professional manner.

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I. Evans

Distribution

Every trained member of Staff at Redclyffe Annexe

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Dr. Logan
Dr. Barton
Mr. Hooper