

Fast Facts

Coroner's Inquest into ten deaths at GWMH scheduled for 18th March 2009

Coroner -

AM Bradley HM Assistant Deputy Coroner Portsmouth and South East

Listed Inquests:

- Leslie Pittock (died 24/01/96)
- Helena Service (died 05/06/97)
- Elsie Lavender
- Ruby Lake (died 21/08/98)
- Arthur Cunningham (died 26/09/98)
- Robert Wilson (died ?/10/98)
- Enid Spurgeon (died 13/04/99)
- Geoffrey Packman (died 03/09/99)
- Elsie Devine (died 21/11/99)
- Sheila Gregory (died 22/11/99)

Witness list issued by the coroner

- Dr Wilcox, expert
- Professor Blake
- Dr Barton GP
- Dr Reid Consultant Geriatrician at Portsmouth Hospitals
- Nurse Giffin (deceased)
- Nurse Tubbritt
- Nurse Beverley Turnbull.
- Sister Shelagh Joines
- Dr Logan
- Nurse Gill Hamblin

Solicitors acting on behalf of the families of the deceased

Code B and **Code B**
(AVMA)

11/12/98 First police investigation into death of **Code A**
7/3/99 CPS decided insufficient evidence to prosecute

7/10/99 Second Police investigation into death of **Code A**
August 2001 CPS decide insufficient evidence to prosecute

03/07/02 CHI Investigation report published
Need Lesley's document
CPS inquiry – no criminal charges

CHI investigation and recommendations

In 1998 concerns were raised regarding a death on Daedalus ward at GWMH which led to a police investigation.

In 1998 There was a complaint to the NHS Commissioner (Ombudsman) about 1 patient.

In 1999 March the CPS decided that there was insufficient evidence to bring a successful prosecution of anyone.

In 2000 there was an independent NHS review panel into one death, which concluded that the prescribing was appropriate in the circumstances.

In 2001 there was a further police investigation, and later that year the CPS again decided there was insufficient evidence.

In March 2000 11 families raised concerns with the police about deaths in 1998.

The police referred 4 of the deaths on for expert opinion.

In 2001 August – the police shared their concerns with Commission for Health Improvement, who investigated.

In 2002 July – CHI report published a report with recommendations.

There have been a total of four police enquiries but there was no evidence to suggest any criminal act and the enquiries were dropped.

No one from the hospital was dismissed or disciplined as there was no evidence of any wrong doing.

Dr Barton s scheduled to appear before the GMC from 2nd June – 21st August