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GOSPORT WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL – BRIEFING

1. CHI released overnight, under embargo, a report on 11 special investigations undertaken by CHI between 2000 and 2003. DoH was not expecting publication and therefore nobody tipped off SHAs.
2. Among the investigations is Gosport War Memorial Hospital. The investigation was placed in the category 'Failure to protect patients or service users – abuse of vulnerable people (Older people)' and that the GWMH was specifically investigated for the Quality of care of older patients, including prescribing.
3. Only reference to the Gosport situation comes on p 11 and says:

The Gosport investigation in 2002 raised concerns about the care of older people and confusing terminology within levels of care. The Department of Health agreed to promote understanding through the National Service Framework for older people. Work is well advanced to develop a protocol for the NHS to share information on patient safety with the police.

4. Emergent themes from investigations: Boxes were ticked in the following tables for Gosport War Memorial Hospital:

Table 1 – Operational issues at service level:

- Poor induction, training, supervisions ad CPD
- Poor clinical effectiveness, absence of clinical protocols or guidelines or failure to follow them
- Lack of capacity and/or financial problems, poor information

Table 2 - Strategic Capacity issues within organisation

- Recent merger or major structural change of uncertain service future
- Failure to deal with earlier concerns and instigate change

Table 3 - Health community and national issues

- Relatively low profile/priority service

The full report can be found on CHI website: www.chi.nhs.uk

Embargoed press release issued by CHI talks about a number of common factors in all the investigations. See copy attached to email for information.