

Hampshire

Primary Care Trust

Detailed chronology of events		
Date		Note
1980	Dr J Barton contracts with Health Authority to work at GWMH	
1988	New contract for Dr JB with Health Authority.	
1991	First formal letter sent expressing concerns at prescribing practice and use of syringe drivers at Redclyffe Annexe. More detail in separate dedicated document. This dedicated document refers to concerns having been raised two years earlier, and them not being addressed since then.	
1994	Portsmouth Healthcare Trust (PHCT) established. Provides care at all community hospitals in SE Hants. Service management and medical staff come from Medicine for Elderly People division, and nursing staff managed by F&G division of PHCT	New service provider taking over responsibility from the Health Authority
1995	Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust established. Provides acute care in this area.	
1996	Leslie Pittock died – Dryad Ward Elsie Lavender died – Daedalus Ward Robert Wilson died – Dryad Ward	All highlighted patients have family members on witness list
1997	Helena Service died – Dryad Ward	
1998	Arthur Cunningham died – Dryad Ward Ruby Lake died – Dryad Ward	
1999	Enid Spurgin died – Dryad Ward Geoffrey Packman died – Dryad Ward Elsie Devine died – Dryad Ward Sheila Gregory died – Dryad Ward.	
Dec 98 – March 99	Police conducted investigation into the death of Gladys Richards (RIP 22/08/98), but CPS decided insufficient evidence to prosecute.	1 st Police inv.
Oct 99	Second Police investigation announced.	2 nd Police inv.
2000	Staff grade took up post at GWMH, replacing clinical assistant (Dr JB)	
2001 March 01	Independent Review into death of Elsie Devine. Local media coverage leads to other families coming forward with concerns.	
2001 onwards April 01	Dr JB enters into voluntary agreement to restrict her prescribing and for her prescribing to be monitored. PCPCT established	New service provider
Aug 01	2 nd Police investigation concludes insufficient evidence for prosecution, but have concerns about practices at GWMH and refer to CHI.	
Oct 01	CHI starts investigation.	CHI
2002	PHCT dissolved, and F&G PCT and EH PCTs established. Management of wards and employment of nurses at GWMH transferred to F&GPCT, whilst management of Medicine for	New service providers