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All,

I attended the inquest today. We have three witnesses in attendance for today and tomorrow.

Today we only heard evidence from our first witness Philip Beed who is a current staff member with Southern Health. Philip was questioned for two days at the original GMC hearing and was the ward manager at GWMH at the time. Following giving his evidence Philip was questioned quite extensively by all parties. There were questions mainly surrounding record keeping, a difference in the recollection of events whether a morphine injection was given without being prescribed or recorded, pain management, medical cover on the ward, patient assessment determining levels of pain and levels of consciousness.

Both Mrs Mackenzie and Mrs O'Brien gave further evidence to the coroner during the course of the day. Due to the length of questioning of the witness no other witnesses were called today and the inquest will reconvene at 10am tomorrow and hear evidence from the other nurses.

There were a couple of points which could be picked up by media around statements from our witness today, depending on the outcome of the inquest. I will draft some potential angles they could take and look at what our responses to these could be and seek your input.

Media in attendance today:

BBC Solent – whole day

Portsmouth News – morning only

Possible - Press Association – short attendance this morning

Coverage from today:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-hampshire-22113155>

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