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# Pensioner 'denied chance of further treatment' inquest hears



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A DAUGHTER has told an inquest how she believes her mother was denied the opportunity for further treatment while being cared for at a Hampshire hospital

Gillian MacKenzie told an inquest how she believed gross negligence on the part of Dr Jane Barton, who was caring for her mother, Gladys Richards, had resulted in her mother's death

Mrs Richards had been at Glen Heathers nursing home in Lee-onthe-Solent when she suffered a fall and broke her hip in July 1998.

The 91-year-old was operated on at the Royal Haslar hospital in Gosport and then transferred for four weeks rehabilitation to Gosport War Memorial Hospital.



Dr Jane Barton

During her stay there, she had another fall and was taken back to Haslan for a dislocated hip, before returning to Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

Mrs MacKenzie told the inquest in Portsmouth how her and her sister, Lesley O'Brien, had noticed their mother was in pain and she was sent for an x-ray which found only bruising.

But Dr Barton refused to transfer her back to Haslar that evening, because she said she had endured enough trauma for one day.



The next day the sisters were told she had a haematoma. which is blood outside of the blood vessels, on the site of the hip operation.

Mrs MacKenzie told the inquest that she had been told by charge nurse Philip Beed, that nothing could done and the only thing they

could do was relieve her mother's pain, as she was going to die.

She claimed she had been given the impression that death would be within 24 hours, but in fact her mother died four days later on August 21,

She said although medical notes indicated that Dr Barton had discussed treatment with her, she said this was not correct and that surgical intervention was never offered.

The inquest continues

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