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## Narrative verdict in inquest

A coroner has recorded a narrative verdict in the inquest of a pensioner who died in hospital.

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ABOUT 15 HOURS AGO

### Coroner's verdict into hospital death

David Horsley, coroner for Portsmouth and South East Hampshire, ruled that the cause of death was bronchopneumonia.

In a narrative verdict, he added: "Factors contributing more than insignificantly to her death due to bronchopneumonia were:

"Accidental falls which she sustained at Glen Heathers Nursing Home in Lee-on-the-Solent on the 29th July, 1998 and at Gosport War Memorial Hospital on August 13, 1998.

"Procedures undertaken at Haslar Hospital, Gosport to treat the injuries she suffered as a result of those falls.

"Her immobility subsequent to those procedures.

"Medication administered to her at Gosport War Memorial Hospital for the control of her pain and agitation.

"Her old age, frailty and end-stage dementia."

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