

Peter Walsh

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*Do we have her on our
if not re Gosport
to get pls ring
postal address*

YES

Dear Peter,

Had a call from Gill McKenzie to say you're looking for the family of Stan Carby. I've spoken to Stan's grandson, and he was happy for me to pass on his mother's contact details. She's Debbie McKay, one of Stan's daughters. She is on holiday until Sept 15th, but there is a mobile number if you felt it was urgent. I've included a little background on Stan's case so you will be in the picture when you talk to her. It may be anecdotal but the thing I'm hearing again and again is that it was the 'difficult' or 'high maintenance' patients who died unexpectedly.

ATTREE

I think you should also talk to **Ann Atrill**, who lost her Mum. Her home number is Code A She asked if you could leave your contact details on her ansaphone if she wasn't in.

In return, could I ask if you've made any further contacts with the inquest families? At the moment I have details for Anne Reeve, Charles Farthing and Iain Wilson, but you were going to broach the subject of media interest with the other inquest families. Can you help me with that? Best wishes, Dominic

DEBBIE MCKAY: Daughter of **Stan Carby** who died aged 65. Not one of the 10 going to inquest.

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WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR DAD?

My dad **Stan Carby** was 65 and had a stroke. **Stan** was able to walk into an ambulance which took him from Royal Hospital Haslar. He was doing well there. It had affected him, He'd lost mobility in his arm and face and it had made him aggressive at times. He was a big chap. 21 stone, but the staff at Haslar could see it was part of his condition and coped really well. Soon they said he was well enough to go Gosport war memorial for rehabilitation, and they thought he'd be back home with a few weeks,

HOW DID THINGS GO AT GOSPORT WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL?

It was bad from the start. They didn't have his notes. They didn't want him there. They thought he was too young at 65. I've worked in nursing homes so I know. I had to ask for drinks. They weren't very nice to him. The night before he died he kept saying 'get me out of here I want to go home'.

WHY DID THEY START GIVING HIM MORPHINE?

They say he was playing up. They moved him off the ward and into a room on his own and started to give drugs. I knew his behaviour could have been difficult so I had given them my name on phone number and told me to call any time day or night. They gave him drugs instead. They called us at 1020 in the morning to say he'd had another stroke and we needed to be there. We got there at 11am. We were shocked. He was out of it. He died at 1315.

WAS HE IN PAIN?

The staff said they couldn't tell us but they said the drugs would make him more comfortable and to let nature take its course. At the time I couldn't understand why they were giving painkilling drugs for a stroke,

especially huge doses. Cancer yes, but for a stroke? But we trusted them.

AND HE KEPT SQUEEZING YOUR HAND?

Yes. We asked why he kept squeezing our hand as if he was trying to tell us something. The Dr said 'let nature take its course.' He died by 1315.

AND THE DOCTORS AT HASLAR HOSPITAL GAVE NO INDICATION THAT HE WAS GOING TO DIE?

No. They thought he'd make a full recovery from the stroke. Two weeks he died we bumped into a Doctor who looked after Dad at Haslar. He said: "How's **Stan** doing?" When we said 'He's dead' the doctor looked shocked. He said: "He can't be. He was on the road to recovery". The Dr was shocked that he could die so soon after leaving Haslar. For us that's when we realised something was badly wrong.

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU ASKED FOR HIS MEDICAL NOTES?

They were a shambles. They'd started to treat him before his notes had arrived from Haslar. On one part it said he was sitting out in a chair in the early morning of his death, in another part it said he was unresponsive in bed at the same time. Staff contacted the doctor for permission to give Medazolam. That was granted but there's no record of it being given. We will never know how much they gave him of what drugs. That's why our case can't be investigated.. because the notes were so bad.

WHAT ARE YOUR HOPES FOR THE INQUEST?

We hope it will provide answers for all the families. Someone has to take responsibility for what happened.

B/A THANKS FOR JOINING US - THAT'S DEBBIE MCKAY WHOSE FATHER **STAN CARBY** DIED AT GOSPORT WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. WE WILL HEAR FROM ANOTHER FAMILY IN THE NEXT HOUR.

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