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28/11/02

Dear Andrew,

I have enclosed a number of photo copies from my mother's medical notes. I should think most of us who have made a complaint against the Portsmouth N.H.S.Trust have similar tales to tell. Anyway I have highlighted in red pen a few very important points to ponder over as to why we are fighting for justice because those of us who had relatives that were only sent to the Gosport War Memorial Hospital should not have died.

I have numbered the enclosed pages in green and marked the most relevant parts of them in red.

Page 1. This is the consultants report and as this Dr.Lord has stated that at worst my mother would need a nursing home. No mention of her possibly dying is there.

Page 2. This letter from Max Millett states that some of my mother's medical notes were destroyed in error. An interesting point to bear in mind though is that this happened whilst my complaint against the Portsmouth N.H.S.Trust was in its infancy. After the first meeting I had with them and before the second one which as it so happens never materialised.

Page 3.4.&5 Photo copies from Royal Haslar pertaining to drug records. As you will see on page four it states that my mother had no need of any painkilling medication from the 5/11/98 and she wasn't transferred to the Gosport W.M.H. until the 11/11/98.

Page 6. This is the first page of the drugs record taken from the Gosport WMH medical notes. Please note after referring back to previous paragraph that within a day of being admitted to this hospital my mother was given, on the 12/11/98 20mg of oramorph in a pace of just 8½ hours. Why? that is the question I keep on asking and after four years I am still waiting for a reply.

As for the remaining five pages that I have stapled together then I suggest you read the third page, especially the part bracketed in red. It starts by threatening to have me arrested on a technical charge of assaulting my mother because I was trying to give her something to eat. I have witnesses to the fact that she was not spitting out the food, infact she ate nearly all of a tuna mayonaise sandwich. Even more worrying is the comment that follows this and was written by Dr.Reid who is the head consultant geriatrician. Now he has said that giving my mother fluids would only prolong her dying and to think she had only been in the Gosport WMH for five days when he wrote that on her medical notes. Remember my mother was only there for rehabilitation, supposedly!

Continuing on to the next page and you will see that on the 20/11/98 a Dr.Barton is happy for the nursing staff to confirm my mother's death. This just eight days after being transferred to the Gosport WMH for rehab.

I wonder how you or any of your viewers would feel if their mother or father was to all intents and purposes written off as not worth the effort of helping them to live any longer.

Anyway thanks for reading what I have sent you and as I said a lot of other people such as Mrs.Ann Reeves have similar stories to tell.

If anything develops of major interest I will inform you.

All the best

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PORTSMOUTH
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DR A LORD FRCP
CONSULTANT GERIATRICIAN

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6 November 1998

Colonel Bowyer
Royal Hospital Haslar
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Dear Colonel Bowyer

WARD VISIT E3 HASLAR
Edna PURNELL, DoB [Code A]
Addenbrookes RH, Willis Road, Gosport

Thank you for referring Mrs Purnell whom I visited on E3 at Haslar on 5.11.98. She fractured her right neck of femur and post operatively has problems with dependent oedema affecting both lower limbs and the left upper limb (likely to be hypoproteinaemic), is poorly mobile just being able to stand with 2, is catheterised and has occasional faecal soiling. She also has bilateral pressure sores on her heels. She is eating well but has a poor fluid intake.

Her past medical history includes moderate dementia for at least 3 years now, a TIA in October last year, and also has a pessary insitu for a vaginal wall prolapse.

Her blood pressure today was 110/80. Although she was confused she knew she was in hospital and had been there as she had a fracture of her right hip. I feel that Bendrofluazide 2.5mgs can be continued for the present but if her oedema worsens she may require a loop diuretic. I feel that the morning dose of Thioridazine could be discontinued and would recommend that she is on a high protein diet. I would also be grateful if her Us and Es, liver function tests and calcium could please be repeated.

Her son and daughter-in-law were present when I visited and I have pointed out to them that rehabilitation was going to be very difficult given her mental state and pressure sores. They have agreed to a month's gentle rehabilitation in an NHS continuing care bed for a month initially. Unless there is a dramatic improvement in her function I feel she will need a nursing home.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

A LORD

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Dear Colleague

Re: Edna PURNELL

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Yours sincerely

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Mr. M. Wilson,

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Your ref:
Date: 14th September, 2001
Ext: **Code A**

Dear Mr. Wilson,

Thank you for your letter of 23rd August, 2001 requesting copies of your late mother's medical records.

{ × The full original document was, as you know, erroneously sent for destruction, prior to which the main medical and nursing notes were microfilmed. The photocopy of those documents is held in this office and I enclose a copy.

I have no knowledge of the letter from Mrs. MacKenzie to which you refer, but clearly some confusion has arisen in this regard. Gosport police currently have Mrs. MacKenzie's mother's notes and the Trust holds a copy.

I am not aware of any case other than your mother's in which the case notes have been destroyed in error.

Yours sincerely,

Code AMax Millett
Chief ExecutiveI HAD ASKED FOR ALL OF MY MOTHER'S
MEDICAL NOTES.

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Defence Secondary
Care Agency

Mr ME Wilson

Date: 16 April 1999

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Dear Mr Wilson

Thank you for your letter of 7 April 1999, in which you request details of painkillers administered to your late mother, Mrs Edna Purnell, during the period 25.10.98 - 11.11.98.

I enclose a copy of the requested information, given by Lt Col Williams, of the Orthopaedic Department at RH Haslar.

I enclose his original note, so I cannot make an error in transcribing it to print.

I hope this is sufficient for your needs.

Yours sincerely

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ANNE LN FUNNELL
Medical Records Manager
for Commanding Officer

ROYAL HASLAR MEDICAL NOTES
PERTAINING TO MRS. E. I. PURNELL.
NO NEED OF ANY PAINKILLERS DURING THE
LAST THAT SHE WAS A PATIENT IN HASLAR HOSPITAL.

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