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Medical Report: concerning the case of Gladys Mable Richards deceased

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For the purpose of ... providing an independent view about treatment given to Mrs Gladys RICHARDS and the factor(s) associated with her death.

Synopsis

- 1. At the age of 91 years, Mrs Gladys RICHARDS was an in-patient in Daedalus ward at Gosport War Memorial Hospital.
- 1.1. A registered medical practitioner prescribed the drugs diamorphine, haloperidol, midazolam, and hyoscine for Mrs Gladys RICHARDS.
- 1.2. These drugs were to be administrated subcutaneously by a syringe driver over an undetermined number of days.
- 1.3. They were given continuously until Mrs RICHARDS became unconscious and died.
- 1.4. During this period there is no evidence that Mrs RICHARDS was given life sustaining fluids or food.
- 1.5. It is my opinion that as a result of being given these drugs, Mrs RICHARDS's death occurred earlier than it would have done from natural causes.