

Draft Fast Facts document for approval (SK & ST)

Purpose: Circulation to staff and stakeholders for information and to the media as part of the communications pack

### **Fast Facts**

Coroner's Inquest into ten deaths at GWMH scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> March 2009

Coroner -

AM Bradley HM Assistant Deputy Coroner Portsmouth and South East

Listed Inquests:

- Leslie Pittock (died 24/01/96)
- Helena Service (died 05/06/97)
- Elsie Lavender (date?)
- Ruby Lake (died 21/08/98)
- Arthur Cunningham (died 26/09/98)
- Robert Wilson (died ?/10/98)
- Enid Spurgeon (died 13/04/99)
- Geoffrey Packman (died 03/09/99)
- Elsie Devine (died 21/11/99)
- Sheila Gregory (died 22/11/99)

Witness list issued by the coroner

- Dr Wilcox, expert
- Professor Blake
- Dr Barton GP
- Dr Reid Consultant Geriatrician at Portsmouth Hospitals
- Nurse Giffin (deceased)
- Nurse Tubbritt
- Nurse Beverley Turnbull.
- Sister Shelagh Joines
- Dr Logan
- Nurse Gill Hamblin

Solicitors acting on behalf of the families of the deceased

Blake Laphorn Tarlor Lyons and charity Action Against Medical Accidents (AVMA)

#### Overview

- In 1998 concerns were raised regarding a death on Daedalus ward at GWMH which led to a police investigation.
- In 1998 there was a complaint to the NHS Commissioner (Ombudsman) about 1 patient.
- In 1999 March the CPS decided that there was insufficient evidence to bring a successful prosecution of anyone.
- In 2000 there was an independent NHS review panel into one death, which concluded that the prescribing was appropriate in the circumstances.
- In 2001 there was a further police investigation, and later that year the CPS again decided there was insufficient evidence.
- In March 2000 11 families raised concerns with the police about deaths in 1998.
- The police referred 4 of the deaths on for expert opinion.
- In 2001 August – the police shared their concerns with Commission for Health Improvement, who investigated.
- In 2002 July – CHI report published a report with recommendations.
- There have been a total of four police enquiries but there was no evidence to suggest any criminal act and the enquiries were dropped.
- No one from the hospital was dismissed or disciplined as there was no evidence of any wrong doing.

### Police Investigations

**Comment [H1]:** Previous page says four investigations

- 11/12/98 First police investigation into death of Mrs Richards
- 7/3/99 CPS decided insufficient evidence to prosecute
- 7/10/99 Second Police investigation into death of Mrs Richards
- August 2001 CPS decide insufficient evidence to prosecute

### CHI Investigation

- 03/07/02 CHI Investigation report published
- CHI investigation and recommendations – (add evidence of recommendation and action)