

Con OP ROCHESTER

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~~Hasten Hospital~~ Grosport Hosp.

DCS WATTS
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 Dr NIVEN

- View fully on present papers - implications
 issue
- Strategy of Police in any event.

Police feeling is Dr used morphine to end lives quicker - not waterloo just because

Prof Baker - Statistician used in Shipman - engaged by Brian Donaldson - Chief Med. Off.
 levels of excess deaths

10/50 cases - patients admitted at for palliative care but just
 discharged from other hosp. for a few days of recovery
 before being home - convalescence
 Leave donor hosp with glowing prognosis
 ? Systematically put onto morphine & driven → death

Dr Barton - mainly involved - GMC hearing on 5 cases
 also concern

Causation is an issue - but potentially manslaughter/murder.
 Treated as Major incident.

Sets: Alexander Harris in Stockport - Ann Alexander.
 now point of contact for all complaining families.

Anecdotal evidence - Barton argued death rate increased
 when left reduced.

Current state of medical evidence would not support prosecution.

Go back to Ford & Mundy - can they elaborate in context of crime - Anticipation & Gross Neg.

~~Should~~ Any new expert should see Mundy & Ford.

1) all Nurses & Dr & NHTS execs. involved in the 1st phase 1991 allegations.

Moved on liaised with Victims Solicitors

Experts - Prof. Robert Forest Sheffield. Med-legal Centre
Forensic toxicologist also a lawyer.

Prelim views: • entitled to challenge issues of causation.

• Systematic inappropriate use of Nupine & Drivers.

Dr Grayville - involved in Shipman Commission.

ID of Victim Solicitors

Specialist GP - reviews GP work.

Palliative Care

Geriatric Care

Causation? pathologist

? Barton under suspicion since 91

and then again 1999 - ? Abuse

Full investigation - 18 months.

? If there are doubts on causation - if there are more cases does that assist to keep up causation. does it assist in motivation - i.e. too many where no reasonable reason for the drug regime.

How select cases to investigate or all 50 or is that self selecting.

? 50 + random sample selected following advice from medical & previous inquiries