



# HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY

## MINUTE SHEET (No. 1)

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Ds Oliver,

This is my report regarding the complaint re unlawful killing.

1. I have asked the library to dig out anything re this.
2. I have informed Dave Thomas by phone, he will send over G28, or similar as Doctor notified them direct of death.
3. I have not approached any one in the Hospital Trust, or Hospital yet.
4. I have no idea why these 2 sisters are so out to stir up trouble, unless they feel uncomfortable about not nursing their mother. On the other hand she does seem to have gone through a series of disastrous falls.
5. It appears that most people accept that when a syringe driver is put in place it is there to relieve pain up to the death of a patient. Whether no fluid or nourishment should be given is a medical opinion, should we seek advice from a police surgeon on this, or the Macmillan trust who are experts?

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Ds Oliver,

Palliative Care: relieve without curing.  
when a syringe driver is put in place, the above term is used. I have been told that a drip would not make any difference, as an elderly person can go a few days (5) without the need for fluid. Most survive on a cup of tea a day and when in bed not moving it becomes ~~more~~ less necessary.

Drips are also found to be a nuisance to both patient & staff, as they are pulled out by patient, which causes wound each time replaced. Also inhibits moving patient for care, washing etc.

Palliative Care using diomorphene by making the patient more comfortable can increase the life expectation, it is not any form of Euthanasia.

There has been a break down in communication between

doctor & relatives. DR. Banton is a GP at Surgery  
148 Fenton Road Gosport

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M'AM,

THE DAUGHTERS OF THE DECEASED HAVE RIGHTFUL CONCERNS OVER THE CARE AND TREATMENT OF THEIR MOTHER. IN MY VIEW THE MATTER OF NEGLECT LEADING TO HER DEATH ONLY RELATES TO TREATMENT AFTER HER RETURN TO THE COSPORT WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. ALTHOUGH WE ONLY HAVE THE DAUGHTERS NOTE AND HOSPITALS RESPONSE, IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE DAUGHTER WAS CONSULTED ABOUT TREATMENT AND THE LIKELY EFFECT OF THE SYRINGE DRIVER.

THE TREATMENT AS DOCUMENTED, FOLLOWING THE DISCOVERY OF THE HAEMATOMA, SEEMS TO ME TO HAVE BEEN A CALCULATED MEDICAL DECISION BY THE DOCTOR.

ON THIS BASIS I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A CASE FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION BY THE POLICE.

OBVIOUSLY THERE ARE OTHER ASPECTS WHICH THE RELATIVES MAY CHOOSE TO PURSUE THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS  
I SUBMIT THESE PAPERS FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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GOSPORT DIVISION

08 OCT 1998

DETECTIVE SERGEANT

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D/Supt LANE,

I Concur with DS OLIVER'S Views in relation to these matters. There is seemingly an atrocious lack of care in relation to the deceased but I think there would be considerable difficulties in proving that these 'careless acts' were directly responsible for her death. Obviously the allegations are extremely serious and not totally without foundation so I submit to the Jan towards.



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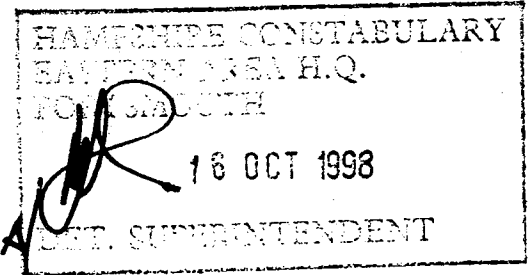
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It seems to me that the only criminal issue is whether the treatment used by Dr Barton, i.e. a syringe downer without a drip, was appropriate or would constitute gross professional negligence leading to the death of the patient.

The issue of whether we have a case of manslaughter here should rest with CPS but they could only make that decision given an expert medical opinion on the above procedure. Please explore the options for obtaining an appropriate medical opinion & then submit to CPS for advise.  
Please keep the family informed.



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DS OLIVER,

It will be necessary for DC MADDISON to obtain expert Medical evidence as outlined by D/supt LANE. It will then be necessary to obtain an opinion from CPS.

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Notes = Barbara Davis Nurse Macmillan cancer relief. on 788700. to confirm she is able to make a statement.

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30-10-98

Statement obtained from Macmillan Nurse.  
 Message left on answering service of Gillian McKenzie.

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Copy file sent to CPS  
 2-10-98

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4 November 1998

Mrs McKenzie, will attend Cosport Social Services  
 regarding the problem with nursing home, on 23 November  
 1998. Dean Thom elderly care chairing meeting with  
 other agencies.

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