# Gosport War Memorial Hospital Investigation Team Briefing

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COMMISSION FOR HEALTH IMPROVEMENT

# **General Background**

- GWMH managed by PHCT
- GWMH provides Elderly Medicine, Maternity, Elderly Mental Health, Day Hospital, Outpatients, OT, Physiotherapy and Podiatry.
- Trust dissolving in April 2002: Responsibility GWMH -> Fareham & Gosport PCT.

# Service Background

- Service managed by Fareham & Gosport locality division (PHCT)
- Daytime medical cover provided by QAH
  Dept of Elderly Medicine
- Out of hours medical cover provided by local GP's & "on call care" from QAH
- Daedalus 24 geriatric rehab beds
  - Dryad 20 Continuing care beds
  - Sultan 24 GP beds



## **Local Context**

Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust provide

local acute services at

- QAH
- St Mary's
- Haslar MoD Unit
- Current CHI Clinical Governance Review of acute trust

#### Police Involvement

- December 1999 Mrs R's daughter asks police to investigate unlawful killing
- March 1999 CPS decide insufficient evidence to prosecute
- October 1999 Police investigation into death of Mrs R reopens.
  Police

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#### Police Involvement ctd

April 2001 police coverage

9 other families approach following local media

 July 2001 CPS insufficient prosecution in Ms Police close Mrs R's file

CPS decide again evidence for R's case.

August 2001 Police investigate deaths of 4 further patients and commission external advice from Dr Munday & Prof Ford

Late Aug 2001

Police approach CHI

#### **Concerns raised with CHI**

July 2001 assistance inquiry at GWMH HA CE asks CHI for with local

July 2001
 witness)
 concern over use
 diamorphine

Prof. Ford (police expert phones CHI with of

August 2001 Police meet with CHI

Sept 2001 undertake an CHI decides to investigation

- evidence of high risk

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## **GMC Involvement**

- Referral from police regarding Dr Barton
- Summer 2001 Dr Barton case to Interim Orders Committee. No orders made.
- Further action on hold pending any prosecution

## **UKCC Involvement**

- Referral of 3 nurses from police
- Preliminary Proceeding Committee decide not to hold a hearing
- Case closed

