



# DENNIS BRICKWOOD



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**Dennis Brickwood**

Date of Birth: Code A  
Date of Admission to GWMH: **3rd February 1998**  
Date and time of Death: **21.15 hrs on 12th June 1998**  
Cause of Death:  
Post Mortem: **Cremation**  
Length of Stay: **19 weeks**

Mr. Brickwood's past medical history:-

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Officer's Report

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DATE: 14/02/2003

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2003 (29/01/2003) I went to the home of Code A concerning the death of his father Dennis John BRICKWOOD, born Code A

Prior to his death, his father lived with his wife in Gosport. Sometime before his death his father was diagnosed with Prostate Cancer. It was caught fairly early and was not deemed to be terminal. He went into Haslar Hospital for chemotherapy treatment in tablet form. This treatment was successful and he was transferred to the Gosport War Memorial Hospital for rehabilitation.

A few weeks before his fathers death Mr Anthony BRICKWOOD was approached by staff. They requested that he look for a nursing home for his father as he could not stay there indefinitely. Mr BRICKWOOD states that his father was very alert and vocal. He had made a friend called Terry. Mr BRICKWOOD recalls that the two of them used to complain about the nurses who did not appear to be looking after the older and more frail patients properly.

Dennis BRICKWOOD would often tell his son that the nurses would just place food in front of patients who were clearly unable to feed themselves then an hour or so later would just take it away again without attempting to help them eat.

Mr Anthony BRICKWOOD recalls a senior nurse named Phillip who appeared to be running the ward. He seemed to have a lot of authority and was making decisions that would normally be associated with a doctor.

The evening before his fathers death Anthony had gone to visit his father after work. He found his father in good spirits, talking about the football results. Anthony's brother was also there with his son Thomas. Dennis BRICKWOOD was asking about Thomas' homework and asked him to come back tomorrow to tell him about it. At about 7.00pm (1900) the family left. About an hour later Anthony received a call from the hospital saying his father had taken a turn for the worse. He immediately went to the hospital to find his father unconscious, he noticed that he had been fitted with a syringe driver and was receiving Diamorphine. His father never regained consciousness and died the next day. As far as Mr Anthony BRICKWOOD was concerned there was no doctor on duty over that period.

The two main questions that the family are seeking answers to are:

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What sort of emergency occurred shortly after they left that evening?  
Who attended his father and who authorised that he should be put on such large doses of Diamorphine?

Dennis BRICKWOOD was cremated. The family is represented by Ann ALEXANDER.



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DATE: 06/12/2003

visited [Code A] at 2000 hrs on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2003 (25/11/2003) at his home address, Mr Dennis BRICKWOOD was also present (brother).

The meeting was in relation to their father Dennis BRICKWOOD [Code A] and as per the policy log.

I outlined the concerns as noted in officers report 13D and noted the further comments of [Code A]  
[Code A]

At the time of his fathers deterioration the family had been searching for a suitable rest home for him to move to.

His father was in the hospital for rehabilitation after a hip replacement. He had come through six weeks of isolation for a super bug.

Mr BRICKWOOD wishes to know:

1. Why the family were not consulted prior to the treatment being commenced?
2. Who took the decision and why?
3. Who administered the drug?
4. In what quantity?
5. And what was actually given to their father?

The BRICKWOOD family is happy to be informed by way of a letter, they have been given a copy of the medical records.

Antony BRICKWOOD was agitated during the meeting but he suffered the loss of his wife three weeks ago from cancer.

# Expert Review

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**No. BJC/06B**

**Date of Birth:** Code A

**Date of Death: 12 June 1998**

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