



JAMES **CORKE**

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On Friday 14th February 2003 (14/02/2003) I spoke to Mr Peter SARGINSON concerning the circumstances surrounding the death of his father in law James Vivian CORKE born Code A

Peter and his wife Patricia told me that when her father had left the navy he had developed Parkinsons disease. He was mentally aware but had shaking hands and he had trouble walking although he could get about.

During the summer of 1989 James CORKE went into Gosport War Memorial Hospital for one week simply to give his wife respite.

During that week he was visited by family and it was clear that he was not very happy there. He had been fitted with a catheter and colostomy bag. He did not normally require this but the family felt that it had been fitted because the nursing staff could not be bothered to help him to the toilet.

When the family came to pick him up they found him unconscious. They were told by the staff that he was simply asleep. They took him home but were unable to wake him. The local GP was called who immediately called an ambulance and he was admitted to Haslar hospital.

The family was seen by a consultant who said that James was dying. He enquired if they wished him to have a dignified end with him sliding away in about a couple of hours.

The family did not agree to this and he lasted a further week, during that time he did regain consciousness and had a number of conversations with the family, but died on 14th August 1989 (14/08/1989).

The family wish to know what happened at Gosport WMH and why he was obviously heavily drugged when they came to pick him up?



JAMES CORKE

James Corke

Date of Birth: Age: 74
 Date of admission to GWMH: 22nd July 1999
 Date and time of Death: 14th August 1999 in Haslar Hospital
 Cause of Death:
 Post Mortem:
 Length of Stay:

Mr Corke's past medical history:-

Mr Corke lived with his wife. He liked to watch sport, enjoyed sitting in his garden and was a keen gardener. Mr Corke was admitted to the Royal Haslar Hospital on 8th July 1999 for 1 week respite/holiday care to give his wife a rest. He was readmitted as an emergency to the Gosport War Memorial Hospital on 22nd July 1989 for urinary retention, ankle oedema, constipation and he was confused. He was then transferred back to Haslar Hospital where he died on 14th August 1999.

On admission care plans commenced for maintaining safe environment due to falls – cot sides insitu 26/7, catheter care, constipation, hygiene, settle at night, abdominal discomfort, oedematous legs and ankles.

22nd July 1999

Nursing report – readmitted wife unable to cope, constipated, confused, marked ankle oedema. Seen by Dr Beale found to be in urinary retention. Catheterised.

28th July 1999

Nursing report – seen by Dr Beale, may go home before OT assessment.

31st July 1999

Nursing report – seen by Dr Beale, drowsy but rousable, recatheterised.

2nd August 1999

Nursing report – for discharge on Saturday. 14.30 hours complaining of feeling unwell and abdominal pain.

4th August 1999

Nursing report – seen by Dr Beale antibiotics changed for discharge as planned.

5th August 1999

Nursing report – slightly verbally abusive drowsy but rousable. Discharged.

OPERATION ROCHESTER
CLINICAL TEAM'S SCREENING FORM

Patient Identification**JAMES CORKE****Code A****G79861****Exhibit number****BJC-58**

Care Death/Harm	Optimal 1	Sub-Optimal 2	Negligent 3	Intend to Cause Harm 4
Natural A				
Unclear B				
Unexplained By Illness C				

General Comments

74-year-old man with a 17 year history of Parkinson's, admitted twice for respite:
 1989-07-08 to 1989-07-15 ? chest infection during this admission > pivamp
 1989-07-22 to 1989-08-05 On -08-02 noted to have fever 100.4
 1989-08-14 Said to have died in Haslar

NO Haslar notes
 NO indication of poor prescribing
 NO diagnosis of later fever.

Final Score:

Screeners Name: R E Ferner**Date Of Screening:****Signature**

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JAMES CORKE
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Parkinson's Disease. He was still alive at the time of the last entry in these notes and there was nothing suspicious or worthy of comment up to that point

Either no grade or A1

Exhibit No	Patient Identification	Assessment Note	Assessment Score
BJC/58 JR/08	Corke, James A777	22.2.04 Haslar notes: Was discharged home from GWMH as planned despite being very sleepy that morning. By the time he reached home was essentially comatose. Immediately taken to A&E at Haslar, where he was found to have septicaemic shock secondary to UTI due to recent catheterisation. In acute renal failure. Not a candidate for ICU because of severe Parkinson's, but otherwise managed acutely. Rallied a little but died 9 days after admission to Haslar. Death unrelated to opioids! But a pity the GP caring for him at Haslar did not realise he was acutely ill on the morning of his planned discharge.	2A

Expert Review

James Corke

No. BJC/58 and JR/06

Date of Birth:

Code A

Date of Death:

Code A

Mr Corke was discharged home from Gosport War Memorial Hospital on 5 August 1989, having been prescribed antibiotics for a presumed urine infection. Mr Corke was found to be comatosed on his arrival at home and was readmitted to hospital with acute renal failure and septic shock and died on 14 August 1989.

Mr Corke's death was unrelated to opioids and was felt by the experts to be due to septic shock secondary to urinary tract infection.

