



HARRY DUMBLETON

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Officer's Report

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DATE: 04/07/2004

Regarding the death of Harry DUMBLETON (b 08/01/1914 died 12/06/1993) I report as follows;

On Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd July 2004 (01/07/2004), (02/07/2004) I spoke to some of Mr DUMBLETON's family, these included his wife [Code A], his son Stephen [Code A] and his daughter Susan [Code A]. They were informed of the existence of Op Rochester, they were aware of its existence. All three were particularly keen to express the view that as far as they were concerned they had no worries or concerns about the treatment or care of Mr DUMBLETON while he was at Gosport War Memorial Hospital. They saw no connection between his death and the focus of the police investigation.

Harry DUMBLETON was a local man who lived all of his life in the Portsmouth area, he worked for the Portsmouth Steel Company for 39 years, during the second world war he was involved in the making of the Bailey Bridges. On leaving the steel company he worked at St Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth on the maintenance department retiring at the age of 65 in 1979. His family say that he had a strong character, he was a mild man who would not say boo to a goose, he was not an aggressive man and nor did he swear. He did not have many friends, those he did have would be from work.

Family members began to notice little behavioural matters in Harry that started approximately 10 years before he died, at this time they did not attribute it to anything other than the advancement of old age, however on reflection they now believe that it was the early signs of his subsequent illness.

Code A

Neither Lila nor her family had considered that Harry would not be returning home at some stage, even though his condition had deteriorated during his time in hospital. At some stage he allegedly fell, this caused him to receive a head injury and bloodied his clothing, Lila still retains those items. On 17th May 1993(17/05/1993) a case planning meeting was held, efforts were being made to find a nursing home for Harry to go to, however Lila strongly resisted this, she insisted that Harry should stay in hospital as he

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needed 24 hour care.

Eventually a place was found for him at Gosport War Memorial Hospital. The family say that there was a marked difference in the standard of care given to Harry at GWMH compared to QA. He spent all of his time on Daedalus ward, in a private room. [redacted] Code A

Code A

Lila visited him every day, she was neither seen nor spoken to by a doctor during his stay, she was never spoken to about her husband's condition whilst he was at GWMH.

Some consideration was given to transferring Harry to K2 ward at St Mary's Hospital, on Thursday 10th June 1993 (10/06/1993) Susan spoke to a sister who told her that "he would never make it", referring to the journey to Portsmouth. She describes her as being tall and thin.

Code A

A death certificate was issued on 15th June 1993 (15/06/1993), cause of death given as [redacted] Code A certified by J.A.BARTON BM.



HARRY DUMBLETON

Harry Dumbleton

Date of Birth: **8th January 1914** Age: **79**

Date of Admission to GWMH: **25th May 1993**

Date and time of Death: **13.40 hours on 12th June 1993**

Cause of Death:

Post Mortem: **Cremation**

Length of Stay: **19 days**

Mr Dumbleton's past medical history:-

Code A

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Daily summary

17th May 1993

Code A

26th May 1993

Code A

27th May 1993

Code A

28th May 1993

Code A

1st June 1993

Code A

4th June 1993

Code A

7th June 1993

Code A

11th June 1993

Code A

12th June 1993

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