



# HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY

## MINUTE SHEET (No. 1)

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### Code A

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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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 diomorpene by making the patient more comfortable can increase the life expectation, it is not any form of Euthanasia.

There has been a breakdown in communication between

doctor & relatives. DR. BOSTON in a GP at Surgery  
148 Foxton 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 **Code A** 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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D/Supt LANE,

I Concur with **Code A** 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 you for advice... in relation to the way forward.



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DI MORGAN, <sup>5</sup> It seems to me that the only criminal issue is whether the treatment used by Dr BROWN, 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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It will be necessary for Code A 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 Code A to confirm she is able to make a statement.

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

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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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CPS Portsmouth

Sir,

This file concerns an accusation of death being caused by a doctor failing to give liquid by way of a 'drip'.

My enquiries have found that this is not a necessary procedure. The doctor fully explained the procedure of placing a syringe driver in place, and the eventual outcome. This is admitted in the notes made.

This file is forwarded for you observations about the matter, on the instruction of Det. Supt. Lane.

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Station : **Gosport**Division : **GG**Department : **CID**Date : **01 February 1999**

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Subject : **Un lawful Killing Gladys Richards**  
**CPS Ref. JD 065802**

**CPS Portsmouth.**

Further to our report to you regarding the death of Gladys Richards, and your advice of the 24<sup>th</sup> November 1998.

The consultant Geriatrician Dr, A Lord has reviewed this case and has made a report, and concentrated his review on the 3 main issues.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> of these reviews the decision to not start intravenous fluids. He state that a 3<sup>rd</sup> transfer back for intravenous fluids ( to Haslar) for Mrs Richards would not have been appropriate.

This opinion concurs with decision made at the hospital, and it would be in appropriate to continue with any investigation into an unlawful killing in this case.

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Mr Wheeler,

Thank you for your earlier advice in relation to this matter. This is the second submission, further evidence has been obtained, as requested by yourself, from DR A. Lord, a consultant Geriatrician. He is an independent in relation to this matter in that he had nothing whatsoever to do with Mrs Richard's treatment. He is eminently well qualified to give an expert opinion in this case.

As you can see from his attached report he has examined all the available medical notes in relation to this matter. He makes comprehensive comments in relation to the use of Diamorphine via a syringe driver and it is clear that this was used in this case purely for the purposes of pain control, which in Mrs Richard's case would appear to be considerable.

In relation to the decision not to start intravenous fluids he also makes full comments, stating, "Patients requiring intravenous fluids would need to be transferred to an acute bed at Haslar or QA. Mrs Richard's was 91 years of age, frail, confused and had been twice to Haslar for surgical procedures and hence a 3<sup>rd</sup> transfer back for intravenous fluids only would not have been appropriate. I do not feel that the lack of intravenous fluids for the 4 days that Mrs Richard's was on a syringe driver significantly altered the outcome."

Again, it would appear that this decision was taken for sound medical reasons as opposed to any wish on the Doctors part to commit euthanasia in relation to Mrs Richard's.

According to Mrs McKenzie Doctors did not consult with her in relation to the decision to omit intravenous feeding but of course her sisters notes clearly show that consultation with Doctors did take place in relation to this matter, and the two women are estranged from one another.

In my humble submission there is no evidence to suggest negligence in this case which would enable a successful prosecution of the Doctors for manslaughter, however, you may have an opposing view and this file is submitted for further consideration by yourself and a decision.

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Stephanie J. Morgan  
Detective Inspector  
Gosport.

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*please note result and retain this file in its entirety.*

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