

The IoS revealed the mysterious circumstances surrounding nearly 100 deaths at a Hampshire hospital on the eve of an unprecedented inquest to investigate 10 of the deaths between 1990 and 2001. The inquest ruled that the powerful drugs given to five of the patients had contributed to their deaths at Gosport War Memorial Hospital. The IoS then revealed how the Government had refused requests from the coroner, Hampshire Police and council to hold a public inquiry into all the deaths and the subsequent investigations rather than a narrow inquest; opposition MPs, lawyers, patient safety campaigners have since joined relatives and the IoS in calls for an inquiry. The inquest was followed by a disciplinary hearing at the General Medical Council into the doctor at the heart of the case - Dr Jane Barton - which found against her in the majority of charges relating to the inappropriate and unjustified use of medication. Dr Barton will learn whether she will be struck off in January; the CPS is currently examining the evidence against her. The nurses who worked with Dr Barton have yet to be investigated

Ferrell youth, violent gang members and hoodies are all commonly used to describe young people in Britain today. In April the IoS investigated the truth behind Britain's youth and found scores of genuinely uplifting stories of teenage volunteers, carers, charity workers and campaigners. None stood out quite like Sisco Augusto, who went off the rails after the violent death of his young friend, Damilola Taylor. But this former gang-member has turned his life around, swapping street violence for voluntary work after meeting a youth worker who helped him to change. Sisco and his youth worker went on to give media interviews, talking about life on inner city streets, gang land mentality, and how to get out. The story drew attention to the positive work being done at Stuart's Road Adventure Playground in south London and it has since received extra funding, helping to secure its future. Sisco is now studying for his A'Levels, mentors troubled kids in his neighbourhood and has ambitions of opening youth centres in the UK and his country of birth - Angola.