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For the attention of John Baker.

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Our Ref: 558203/000001/JCW/RICHARD/S2D

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Dear Sirs

Our Client **Mrs Gladys Mabel Richards (Deceased) - Inquest**

We are pleased to let you know that the inquest hearing has now been completed.

The Coroner concluded the case with a narrative verdict. This was positive in that the morphine and tranquilising drugs were noted as being a contributory cause to the late Mrs Richards' death. The Coroner heard detailed factual evidence concerning the circumstances of the administration of these medications at Gosport War Memorial Hospital in 1998. However, he kept strictly to his remit under Rule 42 in that he did not make any observations in his verdict which could be seen to determine civil or criminal liability. The narrative verdict was as follows:

1. Gladys Mabel Richards died at Gosport War Memorial Hospital at 21:20 hours on 21st August 1998.
2. Mrs Richards' death was due to Bronchopneumonia; factors contributing more than insignificantly to her death from Bronchopneumonia were:-
 - Accidental falls which she sustained at Glen Heathers Nursing Home, Lee On The Solent, on the 29th July 1998 and at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital on the 13th August 1998.
 - Procedures undertaken at Haslar Hospital, Gosport, to treat the injuries she suffered as a result of those falls.
 - Her immobility subsequent to those procedures.
 - Medication administered to her at Gosport War Memorial Hospital for the control of her pain and agitation.
 - Her old age, frailty and end stage dementia.

We will prepare final details of the costs incurred and return to you in that regard. Please can you advise us as to the timescale within which these should be submitted.

We would like to thank you for your assistance so that we could conduct the inquest into this matter and we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

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Blake Laphorn