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 Subject: RE: Dates For IR

Dear Kiran and [Redacted]

I feel with the volume of information it is easier to do this update via email as opposed to telephone. I hope that is acceptable.

To update you:

1. The Coroner is pressing me for IRs availability for the new dates. He wants to know by this afternoon. If that's not possible so be it, but can we see how far we can go with that please.

2. Alan Jenkins (AJ) forgot the relevant docs he promised to give me today. I have however extracted a summary and made it clear I must have sight of the docs. The summary given suggests there are four relevant docs namely:

- (a) Report of Jill Turner - [Code A] was looked into by a 'Jill Turner' she wrote two reports. One was disclosed to the family and concluded that the medication doses were appropriate. The other, which was dated around September / October 1999, stated her surprise and criticism over the level of consultant cover on the two wards. It commented that it was insufficient for Dr Lord to visit Daedalus ward every two weeks. It is also opines that the practice of anticipatory prescribing was dangerous.
- (b) Memo from Barbara Robinson to Max Millet in about October / November 1999 stating anticipatory prescribing was an agreed protocol;
- (c) Email from (? Lynn) to Dr Reid drawing his attention to the turner report and comments.
- (d) A draft protocol for pain relief authored by Dr Reid which includes the suggestion that it was acceptable to prescribe diamorphine in a dose range and that this dose range could be such as to allow a dose to be doubled on two consecutive days, e.g. 20 - 80 mgs, 30 - 120 mgs etc.

3. It is becoming clearer from the questioning of Sheelgh Joines where Dr Barton's camp is coming from - the thrust thus far appears to be that the practice of anticipatory prescribing grew up because of the lack of medical cover on the wards and the use of the wards as a channel to avoid bed blocking at the QA and Haslar Hospitals. Certainly this practice on Daedalus ward was agreed between the ward doctor, sister and consultant. It was a necessary step to ensure patients were not left in pain. This was a safe practice as the use of syringe drivers were always discussed with relatives first and only the minimum dose was prescribed.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss [Code A] I am presently in court as I have had considerable difficulties obtaining internet access!

Thanks

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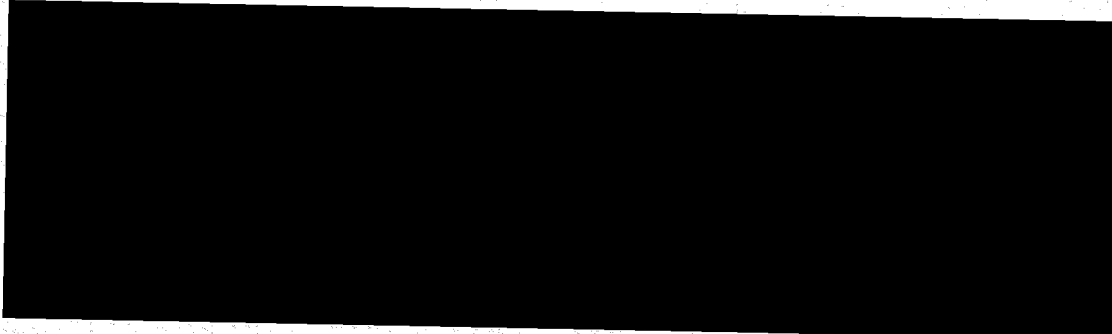
Has anyone made representations to the Coroner on the new dates yet? I am waiting to hear from IR. I am afraid these changes are so aggravating as it is causing major problems with my diary! Not that I expect it will be a major consideration for the Coroner but we are keen to be fully supporting IR.

Please up date me when you can. Would any date for you be better next week for the con?

I am also aggravated by AJ. All gas and no evidence so far and I need to look at this and set up a con with IR. I simply do not want to approach him and worry him until we have seen the scale of the problem.

Would you be so kind as to use your charm on AJ to extract said docs. Can we apply some evidential pressure on him and Dr B? If not please do feel free to use your stiletto.

Chat soon



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