

Probe on 50 deaths

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POLICE were last night investigating the deaths of up to 50 elderly hospital patients who may have been given overdoses of the drug used by mass killer Harold Shipman.

Distraught families have come forward after health officials set up a special helpline at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital in Hampshire.

Relatives of victims believe overdoses of drugs including the painkiller diamorphine used by Shipman to murder at least 215 people were responsible.

But there is no suggestion at this stage that any of the patients was harmed deliberately.

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