

Police to examine hospital deaths

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POLICE investigating the death of a 91-year-old woman in a Hampshire hospital are interviewing the families of three other elderly patients who have died there.

A report on circumstances surrounding the death of the woman has been sent to the Crown Prosecution Service. She died in 1998 in the War Memorial Hospital at Gosport and her family later made a complaint of unlawful killing. The dead woman has not been named.

A detective inspector and a detective constable were criticised for their handling of the case after an internal inquiry supervised by the Police Complaints Authority.

Relatives of Edna Purnell, also 91, last week came forward to police after news of the investigation was made public. Mrs Purnell died a few months after the other woman. The son of Jack Williamson, 81, and his wife, Ivy, 76, who died last September, has also complained.

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