

Coroners Officer:



INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF

**Elsie Hester
LAVENDER**

Case Number: 1003/08

Opened: 14th May 2008

Inquest Date: 18/03/2009.

CORONER'S OFFICERS' INQUEST CHECKLIST

Case Name:	Elsie Hester LAVENDER
Case Ref:	1003/08

DOCUMENTS REQUESTED:

DOCUMENT	REQUESTED FROM	DATE	RECEIVED
Post Mortem	N/A	-	-
Toxicology	N/A	-	-
Other Medical			
Police Report	Det Chief Supt Williams		
Other Reports & Statements			
CO1 /Opening	To Caroline	14/5/08	-

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

FAMILY DETAILS

Mr A Lavender (Son)

Code A

Code A

Name and Surname of deceased

Elsie Hester LAVENDER

To be completed by Registrar

District & SD No.

Register No.

Entry No.

PART V ACCIDENT OR MISADVENTURE (including deaths from neglect or from anaesthetics)

1. Place where accident occurred

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 0. Home | 5. Street or highway |
| 1. Farm | 6. Public building |
| 2. Mine or quarry | 7. Resident institution |
| 3. Industrial place or premises | 8. Other specified place |
| 4. Place of recreation or sport | 9. Place not known |

2. To be completed for all persons aged 16 and over

When injury was received deceased was

1. On way to, or from work
2. At work
3. Elsewhere

3. Details of how accident happened :

4. If motor vehicle incident, deceased was

- | | |
|--|--|
| 0. Driver of motor vehicle other than motor cycle | 5. Rider of animal; occupant of animal-drawn vehicle |
| 1. Passenger in motor vehicle other than motor cycle | 6. Pedal cyclist |
| 2. Motor cyclist | 7. Pedestrian |
| 3. Passenger on motor cycle | 8. Other specified person |
| 4. Occupant of tram car | 9. Not known |

5. Interval between injury and death

1. Less than one year
2. One year or more

Narrative VerdictElsie Hester LAVENDER

The deceased was an inpatient at Gosport War Memorial Hospital and was receiving Opioid Medication at the time of death. The administration of medication did contribute more than minimally or negligibly to the death. The medication was given for therapeutic purposes. That medication was appropriate for the condition of symptoms from which the deceased was suffering.

Code A

Elsie Hester LAVENDER

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Yes/~~No~~

If Yes :

2. Was that medication given for therapeutic purposes ?

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Yes/~~No~~

The National Programme on Substance Abuse Deaths (np-SAD)

NOTIFICATION OF DRUG RELATED DEATHS

Section I Demographic Information

Deceased forename(s): Elsie Hester Gender: Male Female

Family Name: LAVENDER Other names known by: None

Date of birth : Code A Place of birth : Gosport

Usual Address : Code A
Postcode :

Ethnicity : (tick one only)

- White Pakistani Black African Other, specify : _____
 Chinese Bangladeshi Black Carribean
 Not Known Indian Black other, specify: _____

Occupational Status : (tick one only)

- Employed (Manual) Unemployed Retired Not known
 Employed (Non-Manual) Childcare/Houseperson Student/Pupil
 Self employed Invalidity/Sickness Other, specify : _____

Living Arrangements : (tick one only)

- Alone Self & children No fixed abode
 With partner With parents Not Known
 With partner & children With friends Other, specify : _____

Section II Background Information

Police Officer's report:

Recent history of drug use and other relevant information:

Was the deceased on prescribed psychoactive medication ? Yes No Not known

If yes, please list drugs:

- | | |
|------------------------|----------|
| 1. <u>See attached</u> | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

Was the deceased a drug addict or known drug abuser? Yes No Not known

Code A

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- 3.11 Morphine slow release (MST) (67M) was started at 10 mgs bd on the 24th February and is given until 26th February when MST 20 mgs bd (145) is started, this continues until the 3rd March. On 4th March Oramorph 30 mgs bd is written up and given during 4th March (139). On 5th March Diamorphine is written up 100 – 200 mgs subcut in 24 hours (137). 100 mgs is prescribed and started at 08.30 in the morning, together with Midazolam 40 mgs (137) (61M). Midazolam had been written up at 40 – 80 mgs subcut in 24 hours. Diamorphine and Midazolam pump is filled at 09.45 hours (61M) on 6th March together with another 40 mgs of Midazolam.
- 3.12 When admitted into hospital Dihydrocodeine PRN for pain had been written up together Hyoscine. Diamorphine 80 – 160 mgs subcut in 24 hours was written up on 26th February together with Midazolam 40 – 80 mgs in 24 hours subcut, but these drugs were never prescribed (141).
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Diamorphine	26/02	80 – 160 mgs S/C in 24 hours PRN	Barton	-
Midazolam	26/02	40 – 80 mgs S/C in 24 hours PRN	Barton	-
MST	24/02	10 mgs oral b.d Regular	Barton	24/02 2 doses 25/02 2 doses 26/02 am only
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NEW PRESCRIPTION CHART				
Oramorphine SR Tablets and MST (in	04/03	30 mgs oral b.d Regular	Barton	04/03 2 doses 05/03 not given but prescription not

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Gosport WMH

Narrative Verdicts

In all cases

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PITTOCK The administration of medication did not contribute more than minimally or negligibly to the death of the deceased.

LAVENDER The administration of medication did contribute more than minimally or negligibly to the death. The medication was given for therapeutic purposes. That medication was appropriate for the condition of symptoms from which the deceased was suffering.

SERVICE The administration of medication did not contribute more than minimally or negligibly to the death of the deceased.

LAKE Ditto – As SERVICE above.

CUNNINGHAM The administration of medication did contribute more than minimally or negligibly to the death. The medication was given for therapeutic purposes. That medication was appropriate for the condition or symptoms from which the deceased was suffering.

PACKMAN The administration of medication did contribute more than minimally or negligibly to the death of the deceased. The medication was given for therapeutic purposes the medication was not appropriate for the conditions or symptoms from which the deceased was suffering.

WILSON Ditto – As PACKMAN above.

DEVINE Ditto – As PACKMAN above.

SPURGIN The administration of medication did not contribute more than minimally or negligibly to the death of the deceased.

GREGORY Ditto – As SPURGIN above

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Code A

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Date Reported: 13.05.2008

DATE OPENED: **14.05.2008**

By: RMB

INQUEST by RMB

Time allocated: 6 weeks

**Wednesday, 18 March 2009 at 10.00am in the Coroner's Court in the
Portsmouth Combined Courts Building, Winston Churchill Avenue, Portsmouth, PO1 2EB**

Jury: Yes

Listing Office notified Room Booked F99/INQ PREPARED **PRESS DETAILS:**HCC MEDIA UPDATED Born Code A Lived at: Gosport

Died on: 06.03.1996

Died at: Gosport War Memorial Hospital

Type of Inquest: Medical

ADJOURNED TO:

Date:day, Time: to By:

At:

AFTER INQUEST**VERDICT**
..... Database Death Entry Register Drugs Form Other Form Tape Recorded In File for

Other Inquests on Tape

Coroners Initial Sudden Death Report

CO/1

Date Reported: 13/05/2008 Ref: Number 1003/08 Type of Case: Inquest

Name: Elsie Hester LAVENDER

Address: Code A

Date of Birth: Code A

Age: 83 Years.

Date of Death: 06th March 1996

Place of Death: Gosport War Memorial Ward:

Mortuary:

Removed By:

Funeral Directors:

General Practitioner: Hospital Consultant:

Reported By: Family

Reason for Referral: Family concerns Y/N

Brief History: Died in Gosport War Memorial. This has been subject of a lengthy police investigation.

Initials:

Date: 13/05/2008

CAUSE OF DEATH:

- 1a)
1b)
1c)
2)

Pathologist:

INQUEST CASES:

Date Opened 14/5/08 Time: AM Inquest Date: Time:

Adjournments:

Signed By: David Clark Horsley
Coroner, Portsmouth South East Hampshire

Date: 13th May 2008

Opening & Adjournment of an Inquest

Full Name of Deceased: Elsie Hester LAVENDER
Sex: Female **Age:** 83 years
Date of Death: 6th March 2008
Place of Death: Gosport War Memorial
Reported by: Family
 from:
 on:
Pathologist: N/A

Address:**Code A****Date of Birth:****Place of Birth:** Gosport, Hampshire**Deceased's Occupation:** --**Marital Status:** Widowed**Maiden Name:** BRYANT**Name of Deceased Husband:** Not known**Date of Birth:****Occupation:****CHILDREN UNDER 16 YEARS****Fathers Name:** N/A
Occupation:**Mothers Name:** N/A
Occupation:***Circumstances of Death:***

Died in Gosport War Memorial. This has been subject of a lengthy police investigation.

Deceased Identified by: Unknown

Evidence given by: Lisa-Jane JOHN Coroners Officer.

*Inquest into the above named deceased opened and adjourned to enable further enquiries to be made, upon the order of:***HM Coroner, Portsmouth & South East Hampshire****Dated:** 14th May 2008

Code A

Mr A Lavender

Code A

15 May 2008

Dear Mr Lavender

Elsie Hester Lavender Deceased:

Please note that on 14 May 2008 I opened an Inquest into the death of Mrs Lavender.

I will continue to keep you informed of key stages of the Inquest process.

If you require a Coroner's Interim Death Certificate on Mrs Lavender for any purpose, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

David C Horsley
Tel: 023 9268 8326

Email: **Code A**

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ELSIE HESTER LAVENDER DECEASED

1003/08

1. Full Name (if different from above):

2. Maiden Name (if appropriate):

BRYANT

3. Last Permanent Address:

Code A

RECEIVED
13 MAY 2008

4. Date of Birth:

Code A

5. Place of Birth:

GOSPORT

6. Last Occupation Before Retirement (if known):

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7. Marital Status:

WIDOW

8. Name of Surviving Spouse (if applicable):

N/A