

Expert Review

Code A

No. BJC/13

Date of Birth: **Code A**

Date of Death: 16 August 1999

Code A was transferred from the Queen Alexander Hospital where she had been admitted on 21 July 1999 to Gosport War Memorial Hospital on 5 August 1999 for rehabilitation and assessment.

Code A had severe heart failure and difficulty in swallowing.

Although a diagnosis had been made of depression this is disputed by **Code A** **Code A** husband in the officer's report.

There is a large degree of variance in the expert medical assessment of this patient.

Dr Lawson felt her care was reasonable and graded her A1 whereas Dr Naysmith (3B) felt that she was given an inappropriately high dose of Midazolam on 14 August 1999 and started on Diamorphine 20mgs when she had not reported pain on 16 August 1999.

It is clear from the notes that **Code A** had a poor prognosis but the choice of medication was sub optimal.