

Expert Review

Sylvia Tiller

No. BJC/48

Date of Birth: Code A

Date of Birth: 13 December 1995

Mrs Tiller was admitted to Queen Alexander Hospital on 3 November 1995 after suffering with congestive cardiac failure and a background of ischaemic heart disease. The experts note that she was “clearly a dying woman”. She was transferred to Gosport War Memorial Hospital on 4 December 1995. She was given small amounts of Oramorph and only in the last twenty-four hours was set up a syringe driver with Diamorphine, Hyoscine and Midazolam. Dr Naysmith questioned the rationale for making “more adequate analgesia available” in the admission plan. The experts agree that the dose of Diamorphine was inappropriately high. Dr Lawson questions whether this may have hastened Mrs Tiller’s death. Dr Naysmith considered it made little difference to the outcome.