

Gosport Report Statement

The Gosport Independent Panel was set up to address concerns raised by families over a number of years about the care of their relatives in Gosport War Memorial Hospital and the subsequent investigations into their deaths. The Gosport Independent Panel, chaired by the Right Reverend James Jones, has revealed that between 1988 and 2000 a number of patients lives were shortened by the prescribing and administering of “dangerous doses” of a hazardous combination of medication that was not clinically indicated or justified.

The issues raised in the report are deeply troubling and we understand that its findings may raise concerns about the use of strong painkiller medication in all care settings.

Opioids are safe when used appropriately and are widely used within palliative care settings, including here at Compton Care. Opioids are effective in managing pain and other symptoms that may be experienced by people living with complex and incurable conditions.

At Compton Care we have robust governance arrangements in place to oversee the quality of clinical care provided and we adhere to the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) guidelines for the safe use and management of controlled drugs.

The Compton Care staff team are specialists in palliative care and undergo extensive training in order to be able to deliver safe and effective care. Together with patients and families the Compton Care healthcare professionals work as a multidisciplinary team to ensure that each patient is treated as an individual with their needs and wishes placed at the heart of everything we do.

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