



Record of Inquest

Following an inquest opened on 27 March 2025 and an inquest hearing at St Pancras Coroner's Court on the Nineteenth of August 2025, heard before Coroner IE Potter in the area of HM Coroner for Inner North London, the following is the record of the inquest (including the statutory determination and, where required, findings).

1. Name of deceased (if known):

Mary Anne FITZPATRICK

2. Medical cause of death:

- 1a **aspiration pneumonia**
- 1b **dysphagia**
- 1c **frailty**
- 1d
- 2 **sacral pressure sore**

3. How, when, where and, for investigations where section 5(2) of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 applies in what circumstances, the deceased came by his or her death (see note (ii)):

4. Conclusions of HM Coroner or the jury as to the death (see notes (i) and (ii)):

Mary Fitzpatrick was sent to a hospital emergency department on 23 January 2025 not for any medical indication, but because a district nurse did not have a colleague to assist with wheelchair to bed transfer and believed that she could not manage her patient's transfer alone, though solo transfer had been effected several times before. Mrs Fitzpatrick waited on a hospital trolley for some hours for treatment and a sacral pressure sore developed. She was discharged home on 29 January 2025. On 1 February 2025, the sacral pressure sore was noted to be a category 2. The district nursing service failed to attend her to change the dressing with appropriate frequency and, by 24 February the sore had deteriorated to a category 4. As a consequence, Mrs Fitzpatrick had to be re-admitted to hospital on 27 February, where she deconditioned and eventually died on 20 March 2025. Death was the result of natural causes. However, it would not have occurred when it did, had it not been for the 23 January admission to hospital, the development of the sacral pressure sore, and the failure appropriately to treat that pressure sore.

5. Further particulars required by the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953 to be registered concerning the death:

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| (a) Date and place of birth Second of December 1938 Dublin, Ireland | |
| (b) Name and surname of deceased Mary Anne FITZPATRICK | |
| (c) Sex Female | (d) Maiden surname of woman who has married Rooney |
| (e) Date and place of death Twentieth of March 2025 University College Hospital, 235 Euston Road, Bloomsbury, London | |
| (f) Occupation and usual address carer (retired) widow of John Patrick Fitzpatrick, Butcher Flat 1, Forrest Court, 4 Ellington Street, London | |

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Signature of **Coroner ME Hassell, HM Senior Coroner**