Police wait to quiz husband after wife’s suspicious death

DETECTIVES investigating the suspicious death of a Penrhyncoch pensioner are today (Wednesday) waiting to question her husband at his hospital bedside.

Mabel Lucy Harrison, 87, was found dead at her isolated farmhouse on Sunday evening.

Last night, her 84-year-old husband Frank was recovering at Brochos Hospital, in Aberystwyth, and was said to be in a "stable" condition.

Detectives said they wanted to question Mr Harrison in order to establish the cause of his wife’s death.

It is likely an inquest will be opened into Mrs Harrison’s death later this week.

Yesterday, stunned residents in the tiny hamlet of Penrhyncoch were unable to come to terms with the news of the death.

The Harrisons are known to have lived at isolated Pantyffynnon for at least 16 years.

It is not known what caused her death or whether a weapon was used.

The house, which is situated off the main road, is located alongside a public footpath.

The inquest will be held later in the week.

The couple have a daughter living in Ireland and another daughter living in Australia.

A post-mortem on Mrs Harrison was carried out on Monday by a Home Office pathologist.

CT McCarrigle said: “The post-mortem was carried out and blood samples have been sent away to the laboratory for analysis.

“We are looking to open an inquest in the next week.”

The Harrisons’ home, which is situated off the main road, is located alongside a public footpath.

One neighbour, Jenny, was unable to come to terms with the news.

She said: “I lived here for 10 years and I can’t think of anyone that they were close to around here.

“I never saw any visitors going there. They were very, very private people.”

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