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WITNESS STATEMENT

(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B; MC Rules 1981, r.70)

Statement of: HAMBLIN, GILLIAN

Age if under 18: OVER 18   (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: CLINICAL MANAGER

This statement (consisting of 2 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Signed: Code A   Date: 01/12/2004

Further to my statements dated 2/2/2003 (02/02/2003) and 10/9/2004 (10/09/2004) when I stated that I commenced a syringe driver consisting of 80mgms of diamorphine I have been asked if there was a graph or chart to show the flow rate of the syringe driver with regard to the patient Leslie PITTOCK .

At that time, ie, January 1996 we weren't using charts/graphs showing the syringe driver flow rates.

I am unsure exactly when but I believe that it was some time in 2000 that Dr LORD asked me if I would trial the use of the charts on the ward.

Initially we used the chart on the ward Dryad, for three months. I am unaware of the results of the trial. After the first trial another form was trialled again for another three months. By then Dr REID was involved in the design and usage of the charts. Over the next two years the charts evolved continually, Dr REID and Dr LORD were involved along with the palliative care unit at Queen Alexander Hospital , Charles Ward. When I left the charts that they were using were still being trialled.

The introduction of these charts coincided with Dr LORD, Dr REID drawing up a policy or a protocol with regard to the use of syringe drivers. So prior to 2000, there wasn't a policy or protocol with regard to the use of syringe drivers within the hospital.

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