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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: SHAW, FREDA VAUGHN

Age if under 18: OVER 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: STAFF NURSE

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: F V SHAW

Date: 12/06/2003

I am the above named person and I reside at an address known to Hampshire Police.

I am employed as a Grade E Staff Nurse on Dryad Ward at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital . I have worked at the hospital since March 1992. My role can include taking charge of the ward in the absence of a Senior Staff Nurse or Sister.

In my opinion the general patient care is very good at the hospital and we have received compliments from patients family.

I have been trained in the use of syringe drivers and I am competent in their use. I have never had any concerns about the use of syringe drivers at the hospital, they were always used correctly and when necessary. Diamorphine was also used when necessary and correctly. My only concern now is that I feel that the use of syringe drivers and diamorphine is not enough. This is due to the bad publicity in the press about the hospital and the ongoing investigation. I feel that this is to the detriment of the patients that may need pain relief.

I am aware of the previous police investigations and I was part of an independent review into the death of Mrs DEVINE who was the daughter of Mrs REID . I was not interviewed regarding the CHI report.

I wish to add that the morale at the hospital is very low due to this ongoing investigation. The hospital not only has problems recruiting but families are reluctant to place their loved ones at the hospital because of the bad publicity at the hospital.

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