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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: COOKE, JUDITH

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

This statement (consisting of 3 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: Judith COOKE

Date: 10/02/2005

I am the above named person and I live at the address shown overleaf. I was trained as a state enrolled nurse in Haverford West Hospital in 1959 or thereabouts. This was a two year course. When I finished I registered with the Nursing Council, I don't recall my registration number.

I worked at a local hospital in Haverford West, St Brides, then at Summerlands Hospital in Yeovil. After a short break of 2½ years I worked at a hospital in Plymouth I do not recall the name of this hospital. I moved around quite a bit because my husband was in the Royal Navy. I followed him and his postings.

In 1974 I started work at the Northcote Annexe which is part of the Gosport War Memorial Hospital. This ward dealt with elder care. Prior to working at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital I had not worked with geriatrics. I was still working as enrolled nurse.

When the annexe closed, I don't recall when this was, I worked at the main hospital on the relief team. This meant I worked on various wards apart from maternity. After working on the relief team for about three years I worked on Daedalus Ward for about three years prior to my retirement in 1997.

Looking back I would say the hospital was a happy place to work, the level of care for the patients was excellent and I enjoyed my 25 years. I had no concerns about patient care as individuals, staff or patients.

I have never heard the term 'Wessex Protocols'.

Signed: Judith COOKE
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Signature Witnessed by:

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I had what I would call on the job training with syringe drivers these had to be set up by a State Registered Nurse although I would assist them in doing this. Normally the drivers were for Morphine or Diamorphine , although other drugs could be given this way.

Syringe drivers were used on patients who were in the later stages of life to assist with palliative care. The families were informed by a GP or the sister of the ward. Medical staff would seek the agreement of the family and not proceed without. I am unable to recall a family saying no when it was properly explained.

I have been asked about a lady called Elsie LAVENDER , I have no recall of this patient. I can confirm that I have made and signed on the medical notes of Elsie LAVENDER.

On page 113 I have written catheter drained satisfactorily". This would indicate that the patient was able to urinate and was properly hydrated.

On page 115 I have made an entry dated 25/02/96 (25/02/1996) "Sacral area blade and blistered, beternadine spray applied".

This meant some skin areas had broken down, I don't know why she could have been like that on arrival or as a result of her lying still, it is impossible to say which as I have no recall of the patient. I can not see any other notes I have made regarding this patient.

Taken by:DC2403 TENISON

Signed: Judith COOKE
2004(1)

Signature Witnessed by: