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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: WILKINS, PATRICIA ELIZABETH

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

This statement (consisting of 5 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: P E WILKINS

Date: 03/02/2005

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

In 1969 I joined the Royal Navy and I commenced nursing training at Stonehouse Royal Naval Hospital in Plymouth Devon.

In 1970 I was posted to Malta in BIGH Naval Hospital and then MTARFA Naval Hospital where I worked nursing service personnel and their families.

I qualified in 1971 as a State Enrolled Nurse.

In 1971 I returned to the UK where I was posted to the sick bay at HMS Victory, now known as HMS Nelson in Portsmouth.

Between 1973 and 1975 I was posted to The Royal Naval Hospital Haslar in Gosport where I worked in the Nurses Quarters there in an administration role.

I then left nursing to go on maternity leave.

In 1979 I was employed at Beechcroft Manor Nursing Home where I nursed the elderly patients.

In 1984 I was employed by the Portsmouth NHS Trust as a State Enrolled Nurse at Redcliffe Annexe at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital. I continued to work on the male ward and then

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onto Daedalus Ward at that hospital.

In 1991 I converted from an SEN to an RGN, a Registered General Nurse. My Nursing and Midwifery Number is Code A

In 2003 I transferred to the Dolphin Day Hospital at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital, where I currently work as a Senior Staff Nurse.

At the time of this investigation in 1996 I was an E Grade Staff Nurse on Daedalus Ward at the GWMH. My responsibilities at that time were as part of a nursing team with Health Care Support Workers with a primary concern for the welfare of the patients.

I had in 1998 (approximately) received on the job training in relation to the administration of subcutaneous drug therapy via syringe driver . In 1996 I had received no training in IV drugs.

My understanding of the term the Wessex Protocols is that it is the Analgesic Ladder.

Graseby syringe drivers were used in 1996.

In respect of the term the named nurse, this related to the person who was supposedly responsible for a particular patient and their family. In my opinion this did not work. For example I had been shown as named nurse in the past when in fact I had been on leave, it was a system that needed improving. A better way would be to have a team responsible for 6 or 7 patients.

In respect of the time and date of all entries in the nursing notes, these would usually be done when we had time to complete them. However all drug entries would be completed at the time.

In 1996 I worked 37½ hours per week. My duties would have been 0730 to 1615, 1215 to 2030 and 0730 to 1330.

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I have been asked to detail my involvement in the care and treatment of Elsie LAVENDER . I do not recall this patient but from referral to copy entries in the medical notes BJC/30 I can confirm that on Page 99 of the notes which is a Nursing Care Plan dated 23/2/96 (23/02/1996) is written, " Transferred x2" This entry is signed J MOSS and P WILKINS. This is not however my signature. I believe it to be that of Jean MOSS who is a Healthcare Support Worker. This was standard practice for one of the two to sign for each other, and a Healthcare Support Worker had to have an entry countersigned by a trained nurse.

Transferred x 2 means that the movement of the patient is conducted by two persons.

I can also confirm that on page 105 of the notes which is a Nursing Care Plan dated 23/2/96 (23/02/1996) is written, " Bed Bathed" This entry is also signed P WILKINS and J MOSS as above. The writing and signatures are that of Jean MOSS as explained above.

I can also confirm that also on page 105 of the notes dated 6/3/96 (06/03/1996) is written, "Bed Bathed" This entry is written and signed by myself. I have also included the name of Wendy EDGAR who was with me and who at that time was a Health Care Support Worker.

I can also confirm that on page 109 of the notes which is a Nursing Care Plan dated 6/3/96 (06/03/1996) which is dittoed from an entry above dated 29/2/96 (29/02/1996), "Dressing remains in place". This dittoed entry is signed by me and again I have included the name of Wendy EDGAR who was with me at the time.

I can also confirm that on page 113 of the notes which is a further Nursing Care Plan dated 6/3/96 (06/03/1996) which is dittoed from an entry above dated 28/2/96 (28/02/1996), "Catheter draining satisfactorily". This dittoed entry is signed by me and again I have included the name of Wendy EDGAR who was with me at the time.

In 1996 it was common practice for entries in the nursing notes to be dittoed if they were identical to the entry before. This is not the practice now however.

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I can also confirm that on page 117 of the notes which is a further Nursing Care Plan, dated 6/3/96 (06/03/1996) is written, "Betanide spray to sacrum" This entry is written and signed by me and I have again included the name of Wendy EDGAR who was with me at the time.

Betanide is an iodine antiseptic spray which was used for healing sores.

I can also confirm that on page 119 of the notes which is another Nursing Care Plan, dated 6/3/96 (06/03/1996) is written, " Continues to leak faecal fluid". This entry is written and signed by me and again I have included the name of Wendy EDGAR who was with me at the time.

Taken by: D WILLIAMSON

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