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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: RIGG, PAMELA SUSAN

Age if under 18: OVER 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: COMMUNITY 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: P S RIGG

Date: 10/02/2005

I am the above named person and I live at the address shown overleaf. I am a Community Staff Nurse and I work at the Gosport Health Centre. I have worked here for nearly two years, prior to that I worked at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital for a period of ten years.

I was a student nurse between 1976 and 1979 at West Suffolk General in Bury St Edmonds. I qualified as a State Registered Nurse and in order to practice I am registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council. My registration number is Code A

Having qualified I went to Scotland and worked at the Royal Infirmary (Unit), Edinburgh. I was a medical ward staff nurse, I was there for a year prior to joining Decoress Hospital where I worked for another year. I then worked at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Kings Lynn where I worked on the intensive therapy unit and also on the coronary unit. I was there for about one year prior to working at St Columbus in Edinburgh. I was there for about four years. I was a staff nurse in the unit which dealt with palliative care issues.

In 1986 I moved to Gosport and worked as an agency nurse till 1993 when I began work at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

The first ward I worked on was the Redcliffe annexe. I was working as a Grade D Staff Nurse. In 1995 Redcliffe Annexe patients and staff were moved to a purpose built ward within the main hospital named Dryad Ward. I worked there till about 1997 when I started work on Sultan Ward.

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I remained at Sultan until I left the GWMH in April 2003. Looking back at my time with the GWMH I can only describe what I saw and that is general patient care was excellent. I think everyone did the best they could and I have no particular concerns about any member of staff or patient cases that I wish to raise.

I am not familiar with the term the Wessex Protocols. I was only aware of the term analgesic ladder in my last few years but the basic knowledge was there. I had previous instructions with regard the use of syringe drivers whilst I worked at St Columbus Hospice. I do feel that the general level of training at the GWMH was not as patient specific as it might have been.

I would say that in my opinion there was a good understanding of palliative care and syringe drivers and diamorphine was used in the right and proper circumstances.

I have been asked if I can recall a lady called Elsie LAVENDER . I have no recall of this patient. I have been asked to look at her medical records, exhibit BJC/30.

I have reviewed the notes for Elsie LAVENDER, I have not made any entries upon it. The patient was in fact on Daedalus Ward where I worked for one day only to cover.

Taken by:DC2403 TENISON

Signed: P S RIGG  
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