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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: DOLAN, CHRISTINE MARY

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

This statement (consisting of 4 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: C M DOLAN

Date: 26/10/2004

I am Christine Mary DOLAN and I live at an address known to the Police. I am a Registered General Staff Nurse at Gosport War Memorial Hospital and I have 21 years experience in the Nursing profession.

Further to my previous statement made on 10th June 2003, (10/06/2003) I would now like to add that in 1973 I joined the Queen Alexandra Royal Naval Nursing Service as a State Enrolled Nurse.

I did my training at the Royal Naval Hospital Haslar, Gosport until 1977.

Between 1978 and 1980 I was employed at Greenbank Hospital Plymouth, where I worked as a State Enrolled Nurse on the Outpatient Ward. Where I worked on day duties.

Between 1980 and 1986 I worked for Plymouth Health Authority as an SEN Bank nurse where I provided General nursing care.

Between 1986 and 1995 I worked at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital on Night duty as a grade D Registered Nurse. I rotated through various wards, medical, surgical, elderly care and GP admissions. I was responsible for many aspects of patient care.

Between 1990 and 1991 I worked at weekends for the Crown Nursing Agency at Haslar Hospital Gosport on the General Ward.

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Between 1995 and 2001 I worked on Sultan Ward as a Grade E staff nurse. This is a GP unit for medical conditions, respite care and rehabilitation following surgery. My responsibilities included the routine running of the ward and the continuing care of patients during the night period, where I would assess, implement, evaluate and reassess the patient's individual care need. I was also responsible for the safe administration of medicines. I ensured that procedures for admission and discharge of patients were followed carefully. I supervised all junior staff and covered for the Night Sister when she was unavailable. I was in contact with patients relatives regarding their care and treatment. I was the Manual Handling Link Nurse for the night duty staff. I continued to liaise with GP's and Health Care Services (GP deputising service) regarding care and required treatment of their own patients.

From January 2002 to date I have been working as a Grade D Staff Nurse in the Dolphin Day Hospital at the Gosport War Memorial which is nurse led. My responsibilities include monitoring the care of elderly patients living in the community and preventing readmission of those recently discharged. I am the Infection Control Link Nurse and also the Continence Link Nurse. I am also team leader for the consultant in Elderly Care. It is my responsibility to ensure that all medical records and results are available for each patient when they attend for review.

I am fully up to date with courses including basic life support, manual handling, and acute life threatening events recognition and treatment (ALERT).

I have not received training in the use of IV drugs, I am therefore not certified.

I have not heard of the term "Wessex Protocols".

Regarding Syringe drivers , I have been on various study days in order to learn about their use. I feel that I have received sufficient training in their use. I am unsure what brand of syringe drivers were being used in 1996 but I felt they were an excellent means of administering a constant level of pain relief.

A Named Nurse would be the person who admitted the patient and completed the admission

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procedure. This would usually be the team leader on the day shift, but on the night shift where I worked I would look after all patients.

The time and date of all entries in medical notes would in fact only be completed by nurses if someone had died on the ward, when two nurses would make such an entry. However with regards to the nursing notes, these would be written generally at the time, but at all other times by the end of the shift.

My tour of duty between 1986 and 2001 was permanent nights, 2015 hrs to 0800 hrs.

I have been asked to detail my involvement in the care and treatment of Elsie Hester LAVENDER . I have no recollection of this patient, but from referral to entries in her medical notes, (Exhibit reference BJC/30) page 123 dated 25th February 1996, (25/02/1996) I can confirm that this is a blank entry I have signed in the Nursing care Plan. As I have signed the entry I am confident I was based at Daedalus Ward for that night and not just visiting in the course of my work. At the time and date I signed the entry, nothing untoward had happened so as was my practice I have left the line blank. However if anything untoward had occurred, then that would have been included. Policies have changed since that time, and a similar circumstance would prompt an entry such as "slept well" or similar. This is through my experience.

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