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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: MARTIN, MARY ELIZABETH

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

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: M E MARTIN

Date: 22/09/2004

I am a retired Registered General Nurse, I qualified after 3 years training at the Queen Alexandra Hospital, Cosham this was in 1978.

I was employed as a nurse from 1978 until my retirement in 2000. I worked at Gosport War Memorial Hospital until 1985 when I went to St Christophers Hospital in Fareham where I worked as a Staff Nurse on permanent nights. I stayed at St Christophers for about 3 years. I then returned to Gosport War Memorial Hospital where I worked as a Staff Nurse at the Redcliffe Annex. I worked on various wards, permanently on nights until my retirement in 2000.

I have been shown exhibit BJC/30 patient notes for Elsie LAVENDER

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I have been asked to comment on two signatures dated 28th February and 29th February 1996 (29/02/1996). These are on page 123. Above my signatures are entries by Sister Geraldine BROUGHTON dated 26th and 27th February 1996 (27/02/1996). I can confirm that the two signatures of 28th and 29th February 1996 (29/02/1996) are mine. Although I have signed on those dates there are no written entries, this would usually mean that it was a ditto entry, in other words the entry was the same as the one above it. The entry on 26th February 1996 (26/02/1996) written by Sister BROUGHTON reads 'Nursed on both sides'. Her entry for 27th February is blank so I take it that this was a ditto entry as were my following two for 28th and 29th February 1996 (29/02/1996).

'Nursed on both sides' means that the patient was turned over during the night. This is a standard procedure, it helps to prevent bed sores etc.

Signed: M E MARTIN
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Signature Witnessed by:

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I cannot think of another reason for signing patient notes without an entry (as in this case).

Taken by:DC1162 QUADE

Signed: M E MARTIN
2004(1)

Signature Witnessed by: