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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: BROUGHTON, GERALDINE

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

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This statement (consisting of      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: G BROUGHTON

Date: 05/02/2003

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I am the person named above and live at the address shown on the attached form.

I qualified as a State Registered Nurse in 1957.

In 1958 I commenced working as a nurse at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital in Gosport. Here I worked until 1996, apart from 3 years from 1962-65 when I left to have my daughter.

In 1968 I became a night sister at the hospital on a part time basis, which was either two or three nights a week. My responsibilities as a night sister was for the staff and patients at the main hospital complex, as well as the two annexes which was Northcote and Redclyffe House.

The use of painkillers at the hospital was always on the basis of a prescription from a doctor, apart from Paracetamol. In regard to opioid analgesics these carefully controlled. These had to be prescribed by a doctor then administered by two trained staff, who checked the dosage and entered it into the controlled drug register.

I cannot recall when syringe drivers were introduced at the hospital. These were normally set up by the day staff after the doctor prescribed them for the patient. The dosage for the syringe driver was for a 24 hour period, which was slowly fed into the patient over that time. The only problems I experienced with the drivers was blockages or if they stopped working.

Once again when ever these were 'set up' or maintained it was always done by two trained staff.

Signed: G BROUGHTON  
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Signature Witnessed by:

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I retired in 1996.

Whilst working at the hospital I was not aware of any problems with the use of controlled drugs or syringe drivers. Neither was I aware of any problems with the doctors.

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2004(1)

Signature Witnessed by: