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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 RGN 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:

Date: 30/11/2004

Further to my previous statement made to Police on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2003 (05/02/2003), I would like to add that in 1953 I went as a Student Nurse to St Mary's Hospital Portsmouth. I attended the Primary Training School there. I qualified in 1957, but in those days you were never guaranteed a nursing position and it wasn't until February 1958 that I obtained my first post at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital as a staff nurse. I remained at that hospital for the rest of my nursing career, in the children's ward then the casualty ward, the female ward and the male ward. I was made ward sister in 1968. In 1990 the new wing of the hospital was opened and I then worked permanent nights on Daedalus ward. There were three part time sisters on the ward at that time. The position of ward sister was also known then as the Clinical Ward Manager. My responsibilities included being in charge of the whole hospital, including initially casualty and responsibility for the ward in general.

I had received training in the use of I/V drugs. I believe I attended a one day course at Queen Alexandra Hospital at Cosham. I received a certificate as a result.

I have never heard of the term "Wessex protocols"

There was in house training available at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital regarding the setting up of syringe drivers, however I am unsure what other training was offered to nurses regarding them. When syringe drivers were used they had usually already been set up by the day staff when we came on night duty.

A named nurse was the carer of a patient, providing medical care for someone who was sick.

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The time of all entries in the nursing care notes were usually done at the time or after the patients had settled down at night, however in the morning these entries would always be done immediately.

My hours worked in 1996 and indeed throughout my career on night duty were 25 per week. My tour of duty was always from 2015 hrs to 0745 hrs.

I have been asked to detail my involvement in the care and treatment of Elsie LAVENDER . I have no recollection of this patient, but from referral to entries in her medical notes BJC/30, page 123. I can confirm that on 26<sup>th</sup> February 1996 (26/02/1996) I have written and signed an entry as follows "Nursed on alternate sides". This entry simply means that if a patient was immobile their sleeping position should be changed frequently to prevent bed sores.

The entry following this on the 27th February 1996 (27/02/1996) has been left blank and has also been signed by me. The reason it has been left blank is because it is an identical entry to the one I have previously described. At the time, the procedure we used was that if the day's entries were the same as the previous day then the line would remain blank but signed. This policy has since changed and would be completed in full. I note from the records that subsequent entries on both the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29th February 1996 (29/02/1996) are also blank and signed by Staff Nurse MARTIN who like me has retired from nursing.

I can confirm that on page 119 of the notes dated the 5<sup>th</sup> March 1996 (05/03/1996), I have written and signed an entry as follows "Continues to leak faeces" This entry means that the patient was unable to retain excrement from the intestines. But from examining the notes further I see that the patient had been constipated and as a result was given suppositories and enemas to assist with the constipation and the leakage was as a result of those.

Signed:  
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