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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: WALKER, FIONA LORRAINE

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

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This statement (consisting of 6 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 WALKER

Date: 01/12/2004

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I am Fiona Lorraine WALKER and I live at the address shown on the attached form.

I am currently employed as a Nurse Practitioner with Laser Care Clinics based at Haslar Hospital, Gosport . I am also employed by 'Prime Care' as a custody nurse for the Hampshire Constabulary.

I have been a nurse for 36 years and qualified as a Registered General Nurse for 32 years.

In 1982 I began working at Gosport War Memorial Hospital . I was employed as a 'Night Sister'.

I was employed at Gosport War Memorial Hospital until 2003, at that stage I was employed as a Senior Staff Nurse (nights) based on Sultan Ward of the Hospital.

I was one of three 'Night Sisters' employed at the Hospital. Only one night sister usually being on duty at one time.

During the 'Night shift' which was from 2015 hours to 0745 hours my responsibilities were for the whole hospital and members of staff and patients. This included a Minor Injuries Department of the hospital which was open 24 hours a day.

During the Night Shift I would be in charge of the whole hospital and available to be called to any part or ward of the hospital that required the presence of a senior member of the nursing

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staff to provide advice and assistance.

This responsibility was for the whole of the Night Duty period.

There was no on-site Doctor available 24 hours a day at Gosport War Memorial Hospital. Therefore if there was a need to call a Doctor for advice and to discuss a patients condition then this responsibility would often fall to me.

The doctor called would then decide whether it was a matter that could be dealt with by the Nursing Staff or if it was necessary for the doctor to attend the hospital.

If it became necessary for me to have this kind of involvement in the care of a particular patient then I would usually make a note on the patients medical record in the nursing section if it had not already been noted by a trained member of staff.

During the course of a Night Duty I would try if possible to visit each ward of the hospital to ensure that there were no problems with either patients or staff.

I have previously made statements to the police regarding Gosport War Memorial Hospital on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2004 (23/01/2004) and also on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2004 (19/10/2004).

Signed F WALKER

Further to my earlier statements I have been asked what involvement I had in the care and treatment of a patient called Elsie LAVANDER who was a patient at Gosport War Memorial Hospital on 'Daedalus Ward' from 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1996 (22/02/1996) until her death on 6<sup>th</sup> March 1996 (06/03/1996).

I have been allowed to examine a copy of the Medical Records of Elsie LAVANDER, exhibit BJC/30. From my examination of these records I can see no note or signature that I recognise as mine.

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I have no personal recollection of Elsie LAVANDER. It is possible that I may have had some contact with this patient during her stay at Gosport War Memorial Hospital as it is during the time that I was employed at the hospital as 'Night Sister' but I do not have any recollection of this lady.

Part of my responsibilities as 'Night Sister' was to support and give advice or information to relatives of patients at Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

I have been asked if I recall having a conversation with a man called Alan LAVANDER who was the son of Elsie LAVANDER regarding his mother.

I have no recollection of having a conversation with Mr LAVANDER and it is also unlikely as my tour of duty commenced at 2015 hours and ended at 0745 hours. General visiting hours ended at about 2030 hours. Therefore it is more likely that he had a conversation with the 'Day Sister'.

It is a possibility that the conversation was with me; but I do not recall it.

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