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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: TYLER, CHRISTINA ANN

Age if under 18: OVER 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: HEALTHCARE SUPPORT WORKER

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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 A TYLER

Date: 26/10/2004

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I am Christina Ann TYLER and I live at an address known to the Police. I am a Healthcare Support Worker; previously known as a Nursing Auxiliary at Gosport War Memorial Hospital I have 13 years experience in that role.

In September 1991 I began work in that capacity after completing a two week induction course at St Mary's Hospital Nursing School in Portsmouth.

I initially worked on the male ward at the Gosport war Memorial Hospital, providing care for the patients in back up to the fully trained staff. I passed my NVQ in health care in 1992.

In 1993 when the hospital was modernised and extended I began work in Daedalus Ward. This was initially a stroke rehabilitation ward with mixed sexes aged over 60 years.

My responsibilities were and still are to assist trained staff to care for the needs of the patients and to help with, amongst other duties, Physiotherapy, Hygiene requirements and Nutrition.

I am trained in Moving and Handling of Patients, Basic Life Support, Fire Drill, Data Protection and Food Hygiene.

I have been in my current role for 2-3 years and my current line manager is Sara GARLAND . My line manager in 1996 was the Ward Sister, Sheelagh JOINES .

My current responsibilities have lessened in the fact that I cannot now weigh patients, nor do

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blood pressures.

I have never had dealings with IV drugs nor know anything about drug sheets.

I have never heard of the term Wessex Protocol.

I was never offered training in the setting up or the use of Syringe Drivers due to my role. I obviously know how they work, from observations over the years, and of course I would know if anything was wrong with their use. The Syringe Drivers have changed in make and design in my time at the hospital and I have no idea which one were being used in 1996.

My understanding of the term Named Nurse is that this the Nurse assigned to the patient to oversee their care, and that any relatives could see that named nurse to ask any questions.

Any entry in the patient notes would usually be made as the patient was seen, but of course in a busy period this would be done later.

My duties in February and March 1996 would vary between an early shift 0730 to 1330, and a late shift 1300 to 2030.

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 97 dated 29<sup>th</sup> February 1996 (29/02/1996) and in the notes dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1996 (03/03/1996), I can confirm that on the 29th February 1996 (29/02/1996) page 97 I wrote the following in the Nursing Care Plan: 29.2.96 (29/02/1996) - "able to move arms for washing and dressing".

This entry was signed by me C. TYLER. I have noted that she had analgesia on day one for painful shoulders and upper arms, and it is my belief that this pain had been relieved on 29<sup>th</sup> February 1996 (29/02/1996), hence my entry. I have however further noted that on the following day the patient was complaining of pain again.

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I can confirm that on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1996 (03/03/1996) on Exhibit BJC/30 I wrote the following on the Nursing Care plan: 3.3.96 (03/03/1996) dittoed the entry from above. This entry is signed by me C. TYLER, and is for the same date of 3.3.96 (03/03/1996) and states - "slight pain in shoulders when moved". This entry is signed by Y.ASTRIDGE and J. MOSS .

I have noted from the Nursing Care Plan that bed rest was maintained throughout.

This would mean that the patient would be kept in bed and washed in bed whilst she was in pain.

The entry in question was dittoed by me because it was an identical observation to the one previous. In 1996 we were allowed to ditto a previous entry if it was the same. This procedure was changed about 2 years ago and we now are obliged to write every entry in full.

Taken by: D WILLIAMSON

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