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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: EDGAR, WENDY ANN

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

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: W EDGAR

Date: 26/10/2004

I am Wendy Ann EDGAR and I live at an address known to the police. Further to my previous statement made on the 22nd August 2003 (22/08/2003), I would like to add that I am currently employed as a Staff Nurse at Haslar Royal Naval Hospital Gosport ; I have been qualified since October 2003.

Between 1982 and 1983 I was a Domestic Auxiliary nurse at Haslar Hospital on weekends only.

Between 1983 and 1985 I worked at Westbury Manor Nursing Home at West Meon .

Between 1986 and 1992 I worked as a Health Care Support Worker at St Christopher's Hospital Fareham .

Between November 1992 and August 2000 I was employed by Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust as a Health Care Support Worker (Nursing Auxiliary) at Gosport War Memorial Hospital .

Between September 2000 and October 2003 I was a Student Nurse.

Between October 2003 and January 2004 I was a Staff Nurse at the Queen Alexandra Hospital at Cosham .

I started at Haslar Hospital as a Staff Nurse in February 2004.

When I was at Gosport War Memorial I worked on Daedalus Ward which provided continuing

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care and slow stream stroke rehabilitation for frail elderly patients. In 1996 my duties were to assist in the general care of patients, washing, dressing and feeding, as well as assisting the qualified nursing staff who supervised me. I did not make any decisions as to how a patient was nursed, nor was I involved in decisions concerning medication. I did not administer IV drugs and consequently I have never had any form of training.

I have never heard of the term Wessex Protocols.

I had not received training nor ever used syringe drivers in 1996.

My understanding of the term Named Nurse is the person who deals with an individual patients care, and also who can advise the relatives of the patient's prognosis.

All entries in the medical notes are usually made at the time, or as soon as convenient, but on some occasions at the end of the tour of duty.

In 1996 I worked 32 hours a week. My duty tours were similar to; early shift, 0730 - 1330, late shift, 1315- 2030.

I have a diploma in Adult Health Care.

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 this patient's medical notes (exhibit reference BJC/30) page 97, dated 6th March 1996 (06/03/1996), I can confirm that it is written in a Nurses Care Plan "Pain well controlled, syringe driver renewed at 9.45 AM" (0945). This is not in my writing but the entry bears my name, but not my signature, along with that of Nurse Pat WILKINS . I assume that the entry is in Pat's writing and would have been written at the time or shortly after. It was usual to have two signatures if I was with a qualified nurse and we both had contact with the patient.

Although I cannot recall this patient, I can assume that the pain was controlled by the use of the

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syringe driver, and if it was not used then the patient would incur further pain.

What I have said in this statement is what I would do now as a qualified nurse, this is not necessarily how I may have thought as a Health Care Support Worker.

Taken by: D WILLIAMSON

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