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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: EVANS, CHRISTINE ELIZABETH

Age if under 18: OVER 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: RGN STAFF 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: C E EVANS

Date: 20/01/2005

I qualified as an enrolled nurse in January 1972 working at Tamworth General Hospital, Staffordshire, my nursing and midwifery number is In 1983 I moved to Portsmouth and worked at The Gosport War Memorial Hospital initially I worked part time day duty wherever the hospital was short either on the male or the female wards. Subsequently I took a full time position working days on Redcliffe Annexe which was a street away from the main hospital. Redcliffe was a geriatric ward.

In 1989 I left Gosport War Memorial Hospital and did a student registered nursing course at the Queen Alexandra Hospital Hospital. In February 1990 I qualified as a RGN, Registered General Nurse.

I then went back to Redcliffe Annexe but this time work as an E Grade Staff Nurse, from there I worked at St Christophers Hospital in Fareham working on Beech Ward, a geriatric ward working days, full time.

In about 1999 I transferred back to the Gosport War Memorial Hospital as a relief staff nurse E grade for Daedalus and Dryad Wards working nights full time three nights a week. The hours I believe were from 8.30pm (2030) to 7.30am (0730) all hospitals have different night duty hours. On the ward during a night would be two trained nurses, ie RGN or enrolled nurse ideally and two support care nurses, ie untrained.

During the night I would be classed as team leader and would be responsible for the overall running of the ward, including the care and treatment of the patients, safty, the untrained nurses,

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basically everything.

Although there would be a senior nurse on duty within the hospital who was the night sister who at that time was Fiona WALKER . She was based on another ward, Sultan Ward and was available if I had any major problems required advice or assistance. There would also be a doctor on call who you could ask for advice from via the phone.

I have had no training in the administration of intravenous drugs and have never given any IV drug. This would not be part of my role. I have attended a study day regarding I/V drugs but that is all.

I have never heard of the term Wessex Protocols.

I have been trained in the use of syringe drivers and I have attended a study day regarding their use. I am unsure now where the lecture was or when it was. In 1999 syringe drivers were being used on both Daedalus and Dryad Wards. They were being used appropriately for pain control. I never had any concerns with regard to their use.

In September 2001 my husband died so in March 2002 I moved back to Tamworth and took a break from nursing for approximately two years.

I have been asked to detail my involvement in the care and treatment of Elsie DEVINE.

I have no personal recollection of Mrs DEVINE but from referral to her medical records (BJC/16/PG194&195) I can state that I was on duty on the 18th November 1999 (18/11/1999) and I have made an entry in her records as follows.

18.11.99 (18/11/1999)

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I wrote nothing on the line. It was practice in 1999 that if nothing had change, ie no significant changes in the patients general condition then I would date the beginning of the line, leave it

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blank and sign the end of the line. I am unable to say what my role was that night. I may have been working with a nurse who was senior to me if that was the case she would have been the team leader.

Since 1999 I have attended a study day with regard to recording keeping and would say that to leave a line blank was bad procedure, if there was 'no change' in a patients condition I would write that I would also include the time that I was making the entry.

Also whilst at St Christopher's Hospital Fareham I did work nights.

Taken by: **Code A**

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