

APP.A - 14-10-4

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Witness Statement taken from Monica Pulford Enrolled Nurse Daedalus Ward

The following statement was taken by Code A Investigation Officer on 8th September 1998.

Q1. Please state your role/grade and how long you have worked on Daedalus Ward.

A. Enrolled Nurse - 'D' grade - many years.

Q2. Were you involved in looking after Mrs Gladys Richards?

A. Yes. On day of admission spoke to Mrs Lack - checked her surname generally chatted - Mrs Richards was quiet. During supper she (Mrs Richards) asked to pass urine, so we helped her use commode - she was "weight bearing".

The following day I was on early shift - I feed Mrs Richards her breakfast (in dining room) she became "fidgety" - a sign she needed to pass urine - along with another member of staff, we took Mrs Richards to the toilet - I do not recall any further problems during my shift.

Q3. You admitted Mrs Richards on 11th August 1998 and completed the documentation?

A. Yes - most of it.

Q4. Can you explain why the section for "Pain" was not completed?

A. No - negligent of me not to have done so.

Q5. Can you explain why the section for Mental Study was not completed?

A. I was advised by Clinical Manager to leave, it would be addressed later.

Q6. Can you explain why the section for Lifting/Handling Risk Calculator was not completed?

A. I was advised by Clinical Manager to leave, it would be addressed later.

Q7. Were you on duty when Mrs Richards had her fall?

A. No - I was a day off.

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Q8. Were you on duty on 17th August 1998 when Mrs Richards returned from Haslar?

A. No - I came on duty later at 3.30 pm Mrs Lack was not there - Mrs MacKenzie was with her Mother who had been given oramorph. Philip and I made Mrs Richards comfortable about 2.15 pm she became quiet and settled. Mrs Lack came back into room and kissed her Mother and woke her up again - she became very noisy and distressed. Mrs Richards had been crying/screaming for most of the afternoon.

Q9. Did you have any further involvement with Mrs Richards?

A. No.

Q10. Were you aware the family had agreed to do Mrs Richards laundry?

A. I am not sure.

Q11. Do you have anything else you wish to say?

A. No - as I only work part-time - I did not have much involvement with the family.