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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: FIELDS, MARY ELIZABETH

Age if under 18: OVER 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: RETIRED NURSING AUXILIARY

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: M E FIELDS

Date: 02/05/2006

I am Mary Elizabeth FIELDS and I live at an address known to Hampshire Police.

I retired from the National Health Service where I had been an Auxiliary nurse, due to ill health in 2001.

Between 1986 and 1988 I was a Ward Aide at the Royal Hospital Haslar. This was then a purely military hospital and my role was I suppose similar to an auxiliary nurse.

In 1988 I worked at the Redcliffe Annexe in Avenue Road, Gosport as an Auxiliary Nurse which catered for some 23 patients in long term elderly care.

In 1994 the whole annexe was transferred to Gosport War Memorial Hospital and became Dryad Ward. I worked there in the same capacity on night duty where I did three nights per week.

At the same time I worked for Wren Nursing Agency at Porchester, where I was employed as a night agency auxiliary nurse at both Queen Alexandra and St Mary's Hospital's in Portsmouth and also in local rest homes.

I was absent from work during 1995 due to ill health. I resumed my role on Dryad Ward

In 2000 I again suffered from ill health and I was medically retired in 2001.

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I have no medical qualifications, but attended various courses, including manual handling and a drugs course where we were shown how and where to witness the administration of drugs by a trained nurse. As an Auxiliary Nurse I was not allowed to administer drugs.

I received no training in the administration of syringe drivers.

I do not know what the Wessex protocols are

I know what the named nurse is but I don't think it was used when I was nursing.

With regard to the nursing notes, I would complete them at the time if it was important, however if it was general then they would be completed later.

I worked three nights per week from 2000 to 0745.

I often saw Dr BARTON on the ward before I left for home after a night shift but I never accompanied her on a ward round.

Dr BARTON would come onto the ward on occasions when I was working if a particular patient was poorly.

I do not recognise the term, all nursing care.

The term TLC, tender loving care, I recognise as being used when a patient was coming to the end of their life, when they should be made as comfortable as possible.

I have not heard the term, I am happy for staff to verify death at GWMH; although it is something I have heard whilst working as an agency nurse at rest homes.

I have been asked to detail my involvement in the care and treatment of Geoffrey PACKMAN. I do not recall this patient even after viewing a photograph of him, but from referral to entries in

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the Dryad Ward Controlled Drugs Record Book (Exhibit Reference JP/CDRB/24) I can state that;

On page 55 dated 29/8/99 at 2220 hrs I have signed that I witnessed the administration of 20mgs of Oramorph in 1 ml to Mr PACKMAN by Staff Nurse Irene DORRINGTON, who is now retired.

On page 55 dated 30/8/99 at 0610 hrs I have signed that I witnessed the administration of 10 mgs of Oramorph in 0.5 mls to the patient, by Staff Nurse Irene DORRINGTON.

The reason the Oramorph was administered was that it would have been written up by a Dr and administered under that authority. In any event I was purely assisting a trained nurse in such administration.

I appear to have had no further dealings with Mr PACKMAN.

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