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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: LORD, ALTHEA EVERESTA GERADETTE

Age if under 18: OVER 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: COMMUNITY GERIATRICIAN

This statement (consisting of 7 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: A LORD

Date: 28/09/2004

I am employed by the East Hants Primary Care Trust as a Community Geriatrician for Fareham and Gosport Primary Care Trust. I have held this position since the 21st June 2004 (21/06/2004).

In 1978 I graduated from the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Sri Lanka, Colombo. I obtained an MB which is a Bachelor of Medicine and a BS which is a Bachelor of Surgery.

In 1983 I obtained a post graduate qualification as a Doctor of Medicine at the University of Sri Lanka.

I have worked at the General Hospital, Colombo as a Senior House Officer and a Registrar in General Medicine up to May 1984.

Code A**Code A**

in Geriatric

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From the 31st March 1992 (31/03/1992) until June 2004 I was employed as a Consultant Geriatrician for the Department of Medicine for older people in Portsmouth. During this period I worked at Queen Alexandra, St Mary's and Gosport War Memorial Hospitals.

In 1997 I obtained a F.R.C.P which is the Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians.

My General Medical Council Registration Number is **Code A**

I have been asked to detail my involvement in the care and treatment of **Code A**

I have been shown a photocopy of the microfiche exhibit ref BJC/71, pages 5 and 10. I can confirm that I was the author of the typed letter dated 8/1/96 (08/01/1996).

In 1996 I was a consultant geriatrician. My responsibilities included, In Patients at Queen Alexandra Hospital, Daedalus Ward at Gosport War Memorial Hospital, Kingsclere Rehabilitation Ward at St Mary's Hospital. I also conducted a day hospital session at the Amulnee Day Hospital located at St Mary's Hospital and Dolphin Day Hospital at the Gosport War Memorial. The sessions alternated every week.

I also held an out patient sessions weekly at St Mary's Hospital. On the 1st, 3rd and 5th weeks I held sessions at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

I was the consultant for all these patients who required specialist care for their physical health. All these patients would have been over the age of 65 years.

At that time in 1996 I believe it was Martin SEVIERS who was the Clinical Director of the department.

Firstly I must explain where other departments require an assessment and believe the patient's physical condition requires specialist geriatric assessment a referral is made to the Department of Medicine for Older People.

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It was in this context I was asked to see the patient **Code A** I do not recollect the patient or indeed the assessment of **Code A** in the 4th January 1996 (04/01/1996).

I am therefore reliant on my assessment letter. My usual practice includes examining the patient, reviewing the available medical and psychiatric notes. Liaising with the medical and nursing staff as appropriate.

This assessment was undertaken by myself in response to a referral from Dr BANKS (Consultant in old age psychiatry) or a member of her team.

It was an overall assessment to determine whether the patient's best interest would be served by him remaining on the psychiatric ward or by his transfer to the Department for Medicine for Older People.

I can confirm that I wrote the following within the letter referred to as page 5 exhibit BJC71.

"Thank you for referring **Code A** whom I visited on Mulberry A on 4 January. He has

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