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Surname: WINDSOR

Forenames: FREDERICK WILLIAM HENRY

Age: 75

Date of Birth: Code A

Address: Code A

Postcode: Code A

Occupation: RETIRED

Telephone No.: Code A

Statement Date: 10/06/2004

Appearance Code: 1

Height: 1.73

Build:

Hair Details: PositionStyleColour

Eyes: /

Complexion: /

Glasses:

Use:

Accent Details: GeneralSpecificQualifier

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I am the above named person and I reside at an address known to Hampshire police. I am the husband of Norma WINDSOR who died on the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2000 (07/05/2000) and I am making this statement about the events leading up to her death and in particular the time she spent in the care of Sultan Ward at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital .

My wife and I had 5 children, Paul , Kevin , Margaret , Collette and Sheena . My wife led a normal and active life. She had been placed on a waiting list for a heart bypass and also suffered with leukaemia. Her GP was Dr KNAPMAN from the Forton Road Surgery and Dr GREEN was the consultant that was treating the Leukaemia which in his opinion was under control.

I can no longer remember exact dates but at some point Norma was taken off of the waiting list for the heart bypass. It was eventually mentioned that the reason for this was due to her suffering with

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Leukaemia. Dr GREEN however said that this was not a valid reason and there was no reason in his opinion why she could not have the operation.

Around the end of April 2000 Norma was not eating and had developed a complaint of diarrhoea. I called Dr KNAPMAN out who suggested that Norma was taken to the Gosport War Memorial Hospital. I knew that Norma would not want to go to this hospital for certain reasons and I felt that she needed to be treated in a main line hospital. When I told Dr KNAPMAN this he said "Do you know how much it costs to put someone in a main hospital?" I was disgusted with this comment as all I wanted was for Norma to get better. Dr KNAPMAN told me to think about it as it would also give me a break from looking after her.

I spoke to Norma about Dr KNAPMAN's suggestion and although she was initially dead against it, she eventually agreed to being admitted.

Norma was admitted to Sultan Ward at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital. I visited her everyday and I could see that her health was not improving at all. Norma was still not eating but when we asked the nurses they did not seem to be worried at all. I put my belief in Dr KNAPMAN and thought that Norma was in the best place.

I can remember getting a phone call one day from a nurse asking me to go over and hold Norma's hand. I went to the hospital and held Norma's hand, she seemed a little upset so I just sat there with her. Norma said something like "Nothing is improving". I eventually left and returned home.

The next day I got another telephone call from the hospital saying that I ought to get over to the hospital quickly as they were thinking of moving Norma to St Mary's Hospital. By the time I got there, they had already moved her to St Mary's so I followed on. One of my daughter's, Margaret, had gone with her.

Once we were at St Mary's they tried to treat her but eventually transferred her to the intensive care unit where she eventually died on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2000 (07/05/2000).

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I can remember that a post mortem was mentioned but I told them that I did not want this. I cannot remember what the cause of death was given as on the death certificate.

My wife was cremated at Portchester Crematorium. I cannot remember anymore about this period as my daughter's have dealt with everything since then.

Signed: F WINDSOR

Signature witnessed by:

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