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## General Medical Council

Dr Jane Barton

# Statement of **Code A**

I, **Code A** will say as follows:

1. I am a **Code A** for Hampshire Primary Care Trust. This is my current role. I worked at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital from August 1978 until I retired from full time nursing in August 2001.
2. I worked in the **Code A** at Gosport War Memorial Hospital. The contact that I had with Dr Jane Barton was very positive. Dr Barton would be in the hospital by 7.30 am every morning. There were no resident doctors, Gosport War Memorial Hospital was covered by the local G.P's, and Dr Barton working for the geriatrician Dr Lord. The **Code A** was a nurse-led department. again no doctor cover. If I had a patient that I thought a doctor needed to look at around that time in the morning then I would ask Dr Barton to come and look at the patient and she would always respond.
3. I have no qualms about supporting the way that Dr Barton treated patients.
4. Now Gosport War Memorial Hospital has a staff grade / registrar / doctor on duty during the day following the Investigation by CHI.
5. In about 1993-94 Gosport War Memorial Hospital was given a significant amount of money. The hospital was revamped and a huge extension was built. Previously there had been a male ward and a female ward and an operating theatre. These all went and there was Daedulus Ward, Dryad Ward and Sultan Ward. There was also the Dolphin and the Phoenix Day Hospitals, two mental health wards upstairs and the Blake Maternity Unit. The hospital had expanded considerably. The Out-patients Department was also bigger. The hospital had a new kitchen and the dining room was generally upgraded.
6. Prior to 1993-1994 there had been Redcliffe Annex. A stand alone unit but part of Gosport War Memorial Hospital. This became Dryad Ward. The patients and staff came over. Gill Hamblin was the Sister in charge of Redcliffe Annex and then subsequently Dryad Ward.
7. Some of the staff at Dryad Ward had been together a long time since the days of Redcliffe Annex although there were some new ones also.

8. I have the role of **Code A** I am there to represent nurses and attend meetings with them or disciplinary hearings. I will provide support to any member of the Royal College of Nursing who wants a representative.
9. At the Gosport War Memorial Hospital all the staff knew each other very well.
10. I have been involved in the investigations at Gosport War Memorial since the outset. I was not involved in the complaints that certain members of staff made in the early 1990s. However since the complaint made by the family of Gladys Richards, and from that time onwards I have been involved providing support to the staff.
11. I found Dr Barton to be a lovely lady who was very professional. Dr Lord was also a very caring lady who still keeps in touch with members of staff at Gosport War Memorial Hospital even though she is now in New Zealand .
12. The hospital did not have a lot of syringe drivers. There would only be one syringe driver per ward and a spare held between three wards.
13. Exhibited to this statement and marked **Code A** is a copy of the statement I gave to the Police regarding Dr Barton dated 1 February 2003. I have had a chance to re-read this and have added several words (in Red).
14. I understand that my statement may be used in evidence for the purposes of a hearing before the General Medical Council's Fitness to Practise Panel and for the purposes of any appeal, including any appeal by the Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence. I confirm that I am willing to attend the hearing to give evidence if asked to do so.

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true

Signed:

**Code A**

Dated:

..... 17<sup>th</sup> March 08 .....



**General Medical Council**

**Dr. Jane Barton**

**Exhibit** Code A

This is the Exhibit marked "Code A" referred to in the statement of Code A

- Statement dated 1 February 2003

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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: **Code A**Age if under 18: OVER 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: **Code A**

This statement (consisting of 5 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: **Code A** Date: 01/02/2003

I live at the above address shown overleaf.

I am currently employed by the Fareham and Gosport Primary Care Trust, as a **Code A****Code A** a position I took up on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2002 (01/04/2002).

I am a R.G.N., qualifying in 1960 and I have worked within the Health Service throughout the south of England and abroad. I retired from full time nursing in 2000 but continued in my role as **Code A** on a part time basis.

I am a **Code A** and I advise and support colleagues in the RCN in an official capacity.

In 1978 I joined the Gosport War Memorial Hospital as a **Code A** in the **Code A**. Due to some man management issues I became actively involved in the RCN and subsequently **Code A** shortly afterwards.

When I arrived at the GWMH it was an old building and had off site annexes for some of its patients, one of these being The Redcliffe Annex which was a geriatric unit, housing patients who had suffered strokes or required looking after on a long term basis.

Around 1993/1994 Redcliffe Annex patients were moved to the main hospital and were placed in Dryad Ward. The staff who had worked in the Redcliffe Annex moved with them.

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Redcliffe Annex was renamed Redcliffe House and its patients came from Knowle and Coldeast Hospitals .

In 1994 the GWMH ceased to come under the administration of the Portsmouth and South East Health Authority and came under new management in the Portsmouth Health Care NHS Trust. I found the new managers approachable and accessible; they promoted an open culture and welcomed the observations of all of the Unions who represented staff at the GWMH.

I have been asked if I was approached in any capacity by members of staff, in relation to syringe drivers and the use of diamorphine.

I was first approached in relation to these issues in 1998 when seventeen RCN members sought representation in relation to an enquiry involving a previous patient, Mrs RICHARDS .

As **Code A** for the hospital, normally on my weekend shifts, I had access to the hospital keys. I was aware that there were syringe drivers in the hospital because some were kept in the storeroom and occasionally I would be asked for the keys to the store in order for a syringe driver to be removed.

I have been asked if I ever attended the Redcliffe Annex as the **Code A** I never went down to the Redcliffe Annex, as this would have left the **Code A** unsupervised.

I have been asked if I received any training in their use whilst at the GWMH. I did not. This was because I did not use them during the course of my work. I had the initial training in their use when I was qualifying but as I worked entirely within the **Code A** I had no cause to use them, Syringe drivers were not used to administer pain relief in my department, any diamorphine given, would have been via an ordinary syringe.

I have been asked about documents relating to the use of syringe drivers and diamorphine at the GWMH in 1991.

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I first became aware of their existence on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2002 (17/09/2002). I received a telephone call late in the evening from **Code A**

**Code A**, inviting me to a meeting the following day which would be highly sensitive, I noted the conversation directly afterwards **Code A**. I then contacted **Code A**

**Code A** and informed him of the conversation and meeting.

At 1030 hrs on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2002 (18/09/2002) I attended a meeting with **Code A**, **Code A**, Anita TUBBITT and Beverley TURNBALL. Anita and Beverley are Staff Nurses at the GWMH. I spoke briefly to Anita and Beverley prior to going into the meeting to offer my services as a **Code A**

Details of the meeting were kept by **Code A**. I have received a copy of these minutes and confirm that they are an accurate record. I made my own notes of the meeting **Code A** which I typed up afterwards **Code A**.

A number of documents were discussed and a copy of these documents were made. Anita, Beverley and I were given copies of these documents and this was the first time I had seen them.

I made a note of the documents given by Anita TUBBITT to **Code A**

On 7<sup>th</sup> October 2002 (07/10/2002) I visited Sylvia GIFFIN at her home. I went to give her the legal representation form required by the RCN. Sylvia gave me a number of documents, some of which appeared to be copies of the documents given to **Code A** by Anita and Beverley.

I took copies leaving the originals with Sylvia and handed the copies to DC Kate ROBINSON later that afternoon.

I am aware of the publicity surrounding the GWMH and certain members of its medical staff.

I would like to say that during my time of employment at the GWMH I have had contact with

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Dr Jane BARTON on a regular basis. I have always found her to be very accommodating and very nice to the patients I have seen her with. I have always found her to be approachable, humorous, friendly and very professional.

I have worked on a number of occasions with Dr LORD . I would describe her as being one of the most professional Consultants I have ever worked with. I have always found her to be extremely knowledgeable and friendly. She is extremely caring to both her patients and her staff.

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# GLOSSARY OF DRUG TERMINOLOGY AND MEDICAL TERMS.

**ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING (ADL)** *PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS WASHING, DRESSING ETC*

**ALBUMIN** *PROTEIN THAT IS SOLUBLE IN WATER, SOMETIMES GIVEN INTRAVENOUSLY TO TREAT SHOCK*

**ALLOPURINAL** *DRUG USED TO TREAT GOUT*

**ANALGESIA** *MEDICINES PRESCRIBED TO RELIEVE PAIN*

**ANGINA** *INTERMITTENT HEART PAIN*

**ANTI EMITICS** *DRUG USED TO TREAT VOMITING*

**AORTIC VALVE SCLEROSIS** *THICKENING OF ONE OF THE HEART VALVES*

**APYREXIAL** *HAVING NO FEVER*

**ASCITES** *COLLECTION OF FLUID AROUND INTERIOR OF ABDOMINAL CAVITY*

**AST** *ASPARTATE AMINOTRANSFERASE, IS AN ENZYME PRESENT IN LIVER FORMING ACID WHICH IS ASSOCIATED WITH INFLAMMATION OF THE LIVER*

**ATRIAL FIBRILLATION** *DISORGANISED ELECTRICAL FUNCTION, WITH INEFFECTIVE PUMPING OF BLOOD TO THE HEART.*

**AUGMENTIN** *AN ANTIBIOTIC, BROAD SPECTRUM PENICILLIN*

**BARTEL SCORE** *A SCORE SHEET USED TO MEASURE PHYSICAL DISABILITY*

**BELAVIC DRAINS** *SUCTION DRAINS INSIDE WOUND TO REMOVE EXCESS FLUID*

**BENDROFLUAZIDE** *A DIURETIC*

**BENZODIAZEPINE** *A DIVERSE GROUP OF MEDICINES USED FOR A RANGE OF PURPOSES INCLUDING ANTI DEPRESSANT'S, SOME REDUCE ANXIETY, OTHERS FOR SLEEPING TABLETS*

**BD** *TWICE DAILY*

**BILATERAL DUPYTHRENS** *FINGERS PERMANENTLY CURL UP AND HELD IN PLACE BY BANDS OF FIBROUS TISSUE*

**BILIRUBIN** *THE BREAKDOWN PRODUCTS OF HAEMOGLOBIN*

**BIOCLUSIVE** *A DRESSING*

**BOWELS OPEN (BO)**

**BOWELS NOT OPEN (BNO)**

**BOWELS WILL OPEN (BWO)**

**BRONCHOPNEUMONIA** *TYPE OF PNEUMONIA WHICH IS LOCALISED TO BRONCIOLES AND SURROUNDING ALVIOLI*

**BUMETANIDE** *WATER TABLET*

**CALCIPARINE** *ANTI COAGULANT INJECTION*

**CANDIDA** *FUNGUS*

**CARDIOMEGARY** *ENLARGED HEART*

**CARDIO VASCULAR EXAMINATION (CVS)** .FULL EXAMINATION OF THE HEART AND BLOOD VESSELS

**CATHETER** A HOLLOW TUBE PASSED INTO THE BLADDER TO REMOVE URINE

**CELLULITIS** .INFECTION OF SUBCUTANEOUS TISSUE- INFLAMMATION, REDNESS AND SOMETIMES SEVERE SWELLING

**CLEXANE** ANTI COAGULANT

**CODEINE PHOSPHATE-** AN OPIOID ANALGESIC RELATED TO MORPHINE BUT LESS POTENT WITH MILD SEDATIVE EFFECTS

**CO-CODAMOL** A DRUG CONSISTING OF PARACETAMOL AND CODEINE PHOSPHATE FOR THE RELIEF OF MILD TO MODERATE PAIN

**CO-DYDRAMOL** A MEDICINE CONTAINING PARACETAMOL FOR USE IM MILD TO MODERATE PAIN

**CO-PROXIMAL** A PAIN KILLER USED FOR MILD TO MODERATE PAIN, CONTAINING PARACETAMOL

**CONTINUING CARE** .LONG PERIOD OF TREATMENT FOR PATIENTS WHO'S RECOVERY WILL BE LIMITED

**CIRROSIS** .DISEASE OF THE LIVER

**CITALOPRAM** .DRUG USED FOR DEPRESSION

**CHEST X RAY (CXR)**

**CHLORDIAZEPOXIDE** .ANTI NAUSEA DRUG

**CHRONIC ADENITIS** .LEGS SWOLLEN AND RETAINING FLUID LONGSTANDING

**CITALOPRAM** .A DRUG USED FOR DEPRESSION



**C/O COMPLAINING OF**

**CONGESTIVE CARDIAC FAILURE (CCF)**

**CREATININE** *SERUM USED IN A KIDNEY FUNCTION TEST TO ESTABLISH IF THEY ARE WORKING CORRECTLY*

**CREPITATIONS** *.FLUID IN LUNGS (CRACKLES)*

**CYCLIZINE** *.DRUG USED TO PREVENT NAUSEA AND VOMITING*

**DEMENTIA-** *CONDITION ASSOCIATED WITH LOSS OF INTELLECT, MEMORY AND SOCIAL FUNCTIONING*

**DIAMORPHINE** *.POWERFUL OPIOID ANALGESIC*

**DIGOXIN** *DRUG USED FOR ATRIAL FIBRILLATION*

**DISTRICT NURSE (DN)**

**DISARTHRIA** *.UNCLEAR SPEECH*

**DO NOT RESUSCITATE (DNR)** *AN INSTRUCTION WHICH SAYS IF A PATIENT'S HEALTH SUDDENLY DETERIORATES TO NEAR DEATH, NO SPECIAL MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN TO REVIVE THEIR HEART.*

**DOXAZOSIN** *TREATMENT FOR HYPERTENSION*

**DIARROHOEA & VOMITING (D & V)**

**DOMPERIDOLE** *.A DRUG USED FOR SICKNESS AND NAUSEA*

**DOPPLER ASSESSMENT** *.ULTRASOUND SCAN TO EXAMINE CARDI VASCULAR BLOOD FLOW*

**DUTY HOUSE OFFICER (DHO)**

**ENOXAPARIN** .AN ANTICOAGULANT

**FELODIPINE** TREATMENT FOR CARDIAC FAILURE OR HYPERTENSION

**FLUPENTHIXOL** TREATMENT FOR SCHIZOPHRENIA

**FORTISIP** HIGH PROTEIN REPLACEMENT DRINKS

**FRUSEMIDE** DURETIC

**FULL BLOOD COUNT (FBC)** THE DETERMINATION OF THE NUMBER OF RED AND WHITE BLOOD CELLS TOGETHER WITH PLATELETS IN PATIENT'S BLOOD

**GENTAMICIN** AN ANTIBIOTIC

**GLYCERYL TRINITRATE** .TREATMENT FOR ANGINA

**GYNAECONESTION** .THE DEVELOPMENT OF BREASTS IN A MAN WHO CONSUMES EXCESS ALCOHOL

**HAEMATOMA** ACCUMULATION OF BLOOD WITHIN TISSUE THAT CLOTS TO FORM A SOLID SWELLING

**HALOPERIDOL** .DRUG USED IN THE TREATMENT OF PSYCHOSES INCLUDING SCHIZOPHRENIA AND MANIA AND FOR SHORT TERM MANAGEMENT OF AGITATION, EXCITEMENT AND VIOLENT OR DANGEROUSLY IMPULSIVE BEHAVIOUR.

**HEMIARTHOPLASTY** A SURGICAL REMODELLING OF A PART OF THE HIP JOINT WHEREBY THE BONE END OF FEMUR IS REPLACED BY A METAL OR PLASTIC DEVICE TO CREATE A FUNCTIONING JOINT

**HEPATIC ENCEPALOPATHY** DEGENERATIVE DISEASE OF THE LIVER USUALLY ASSOCIATED WITH CHRONIC ALCOHOL ABUSE

**HEPATITIS** .INFLAMMATION OF THE LIVER

**HAEMAGLOBIN (HB)** .THE SUBSTANCE IN THE RED BLOOD CELLS THAT TRANSPORTS OXYGEN AROUND THE BODY

**HAEMORRHAGE** .THE ESCAPE OF BLOOD FROM A RUPTURED BLOOD VESSEL

**HYOSCINE HYDROBROMIDE** .MEDICINE TO DRY UP SECRETIONS

**HYPOKALEMIA** .LOW POTASSIUM IN BODY

**HYPOVOLEMIA** .LOW CIRCULATION OF PLASMA IN BLOOD

**HYPERTENSION** *ELEVATION OF THE ARTERIAL BLOOD PRESSURE TO ABOVE THE NORMAL RANGE*

**HYPERTROPHY** .*ENLARGEMENT OF AN ORGAN*

**HYPOTENSIVE** *LOW BLOOD PRESSURE*

**HUMERUS** .*UPPER PART OF ARM*

**INTERMEDIATE CARE** *A SHORT PERIOD OF INTENSIVE REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT TO ALLOW PATIENTS TO RETURN HOME FOLLOWING HOSPITALISATION*

**ISCHAEMIC HEART DISEASE** *AN INADEQUATE FLOW OF BLOOD TO THE HEART CAUSED BY CONSTRICTION OR BLOCKAGE OF THE BLOOD VESSELS SUPPLYING IT.*

**LACTULOSE** *PREPARATION TAKEN BY MOUTH TO RELIEVE CONSTIPATION.*

**LEFT BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK (LBBB)** .*ABNORMALITY OF HEART CONDUCTION*

**LEFT VENTRICULAR FAILURE (LVF)** .*WHERE LEFT SIDE OF HEART FAILS TO PUMP BLOOD EFFECTIVELY INTO LUNGS.*

**LOCUM** -A TEMPORARY PRACTITIONER WHO STANDS IN FOR A PERMANENT ONE

**LOPERAMIDE** *TREATMENT FOR DIARRHOEA*

**MAGNESIUM HYDROXIDE** *A LAXATIVE*

**MANE** *MORNING*

**MELEANA** *THE PASSAGE OF A BLACK STOOL*

**METACLOPRAMIDE** *DRUG USED TO PREVENT VOMITING*

**MICROGRAM** *ONE MILLIONTH OF A GRAM*

**MIDAZOLAM** *SEDATIVE DRUG*

**MINI STATE MENTAL EXAMINATION (MMSE)** *STANDARD MEMORY AND BRAIN FUNCTION TEST*

**MORPHINE** *AN OPIOID ANALGESIC USED TO RELIEVE SEVERE PAIN*

**MST** *MORPHINE SULPHATE TABLETS*

**MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION** *HEART ATTACK, WHERE THE BLOOD SUPPLY TO THE HEART IS OBSTRUCTED*

**NEUTROPHIL** *A TYPE OF WHITE BLOOD CELL THAT USUALLY FIGHTS BACTERIAL INFECTION*

**NOCTURIA** *GETTING UP AT NIGHT TO PASS URINE*

**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST** *A TRAINED PROFESSIONAL WHO WORKS WITH PATIENTS TO ASSESS AND DEVELOP DAILY LIVING AND SOCIAL SKILLS*

**OD** *ONCE DAILY*

**OEDEMA** *BUILD UP OF FLUID IN BODY TISSUES, OFTEN CAUSING SWELLING*



**OESOPHAGEAL INVOLVEMENT** .DIFFICULTY SWALLOWING

**ON EXAMINATION (OE)**

**OPIATES** .A GROUP OF MEDICINES CONTAINING OR DERIVED FROM OPIUM THAT RELIEVE SEVERE PAIN OR INDUCE SLEEP

**ORAMORPH** .DRUG USED IN TREATMENT OF CHRONIC PAIN. IT IS LIQUID AND CONTAINS MORPHINE

**OSTEOARTHRITIS (OA)** .DEGENERATIVE JOINT DISEASE

**PAGETS DISEASE** IRREGULARLY SHAPED TUMOR CELL.

**PALLIATIVE** .A TERM APPLIED TO THE TREATMENT OF INCURABLE DISEASES IN WHICH THE AIM IS TO MITIGATE THE SUFFERINGS OF THE PATIENT, NOT TO EFFECT A CURE

**PARACETAMOL** .MEDICATION USED IN TREATMENT OF MILD PAIN OR FEVER

**PASSING URINE (PU)**

**PATIENT CONTROLLED ANALGESIA (PCA)** .SELF ADMINISTRATION OF ANALGESICS BY A PATIENT OF INTRA VENOUS OPOID'S USUALLY MORPHINE BY MEANS OF A PROGRAMMABLE PUMP

**PER RECTUM (PR)** .VIA THE RECTUM

**PLETHORIC FACE** .RED FACE

**PRN** .AS REQUIRED

**PROHYLAXIS** .PREVENTION OF DISEASE

**PYREXIAL** RAISED TEMPERATURE

**QDS** *FOUR TIMES A DAY*

**RANTINIDE** *-AN ANTI ULCER DRUG*

**RAYNAUD'S PHENOMENOM-** *POOR CIRCULATION TO FINGERS*

**RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS (RA)** *INFLAMMATION OF THE JOINTS AND TISSUE AROUND THE JOINTS AND OTHER ORGANS*

**SCLERODACTLY** *THIN FINGERS*

**SCLEROUS SCLERDOMA** *THICKENING OF THE SKIN*

**SENNA** *A LAXATIVE*

**SEPTICAEMIA** *BLOOD POISONING*

**SHORTNESS OF BREATH (SOB)**

**SICCA SYNDROME** *DRY EYES AND MOUTH*

**SICK SINUS SYNDROME** *ABNORMALITY OF THE HEART*

**SLOW K** *A POTASSIUM SUPPLEMENT*

**SOCIAL WORKER (SW)**

**SPIRONOLACTONE** *DRUG TO REDUCE OEDEMA*

**SUBCUTANEOUS** *BENEATH THE SKIN*

**SUB TROCHANTRIC FRACTURE** *FRACTURE OF HIP JUST BELOW NECK OF FEMUR*

**SWELLING OF ANKLE (SOA)**

**SYRINGE DRIVER** *MOTORIZED PUMP DELIVERING A CONSTANT DOSAGE OF MEDICINE OVER A PERIOD OF TIME*

**TACHYCARDIA** *FAST HEARTBEAT*

**TDS** *THREE TIMES A DAY*

**TEMAZEPAM** *HYPNOTIC DRUG TO TREAT INSOMNIA*

**TERMINAL CARE** *CARE GIVEN IN LAST WEEKS OF LIFE*

**THIAMINE** *A VITAMIN B PREPARATION*

**TRAMADOL** *AN OPIOID ANALGESIC FOR SEVERE PAIN*

**TRAZEDONE** *DRUG USED IN DEPRESSIVE ILLNESS PARTICULARLY WHEN SEDATION IS REQUIRED*

**UREA AND ELECTROLYTES (U'S & E'S)** *A BLOOD TEST TO ASSESS THE BODY'S GENERAL CONDITION*

**WARD ROUND (WR)**

**WESSEX PROTOCOLS** *GUIDELINES AS TO MEDICATION AS PER THE ANALGESIC LADDER*

**WERNICKES ENCEPHALOPATHY** *A DEGENERATIVE DISEASE OF THE BRAIN ASSOCIATED WITH THIAMIN DEFICIENCY. THIS IS USUALLY ASSOCIATED WITH CHRONIC ALCOHOL ABUSE.*





































