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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: MCCARTHY, GERALDINE

Age if under 18: (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: HEALTH CARE SUPPORT WORKER

This statement (consisting of 2 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: G McCarthy

Date: 07/08/2000

1. I am a Health Care Support Worker employed by Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust at Gosport War Memorial Hospital . I have worked in this capacity for 5 years. Prior to that I worked as a Health Care Assistant at Glen Heathers Nursing and Residential Home in Lee on Solent for ten months. In August 1998 I worked in Daedalus Ward as I do at the present time. Daedalus Ward provides continuing care and slow stream stroke rehabilitation for frail elderly patients. In August 1998 Daedalus Ward comprised eight single bed rooms and four 4-bed rooms i.e. capacity for 24 patients in total, as it does today. My duties as a Health Care Support Worker are to assist in the general care of patients, washing, dressing and feeding. My role is to assist the qualified nursing staff who supervise me. As a Health Care Support Worker I do not make decisions as to how a patient is nursed. I am not involved in decisions concerning medication or the provision of subcutaneous fluids. If I identify any problem with a patient's care I refer to qualified nursing staff.

2. I have checked the on-duty rota for August 1998. My duties between 11 August 1998 (11/08/1998) and 21 August 1998 (21/08/1998) the period covering the late Mrs RICHARDS ' two admissions to Daedalus Ward were as follows;

11 August 1998	-	17 August 1998	Off sick (11/08/1998) (17/08/1998)
18	"		Early shift 0730 a.m.-1.30 p.m. (1330)
19	"	"	"
20	"		Day off
21	"		Late shift 1.15 p.m.(1315) -8.30 p.m. (2030)

3. I recall the late Mrs Gladys RICHARDS as she was a patient at Glen Heathers Nursing

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and Residential Home when I worked there. I do not recall any details of her care in Daedalus Ward. I have reviewed Mrs RICHARDS' hospital case records. I have not made any entries.

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