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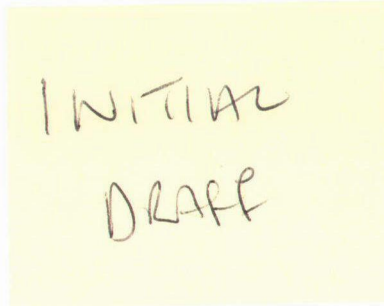
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Dear Mrs.Wiles,

Please find enclosed the draft copy of your statement. Could you please read it through and make any alterations or additions that you may feel necessary.

If you are content with the statement as it stands, then please sign and date it at the places I have indicated in pencil.

I have also enclosed a medical authority form which I would be grateful if you could complete and sign.

I have included a stamped addressed envelope for your convenience.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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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)

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Statement of: ^X Linda Marion WILESAge if under 18: over 18 ^X (if over 18 insert 'over18') Occupation: Retired RN

This statement (consisting of 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 in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Signature: ^X _____Date: ^X _____Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I live at the address known to the Police.

I am the daughter of Code C who died in the Gosport WarMemorial Hospital on 24th January 1996.My father was born in Hemel Hempstead. He had two sisters, Code ACode A

My father was a submariner in the Royal Navy, he married my mother Audrey in the early 1940's and they travelled as a result of his occupation. ^X

My parents had three children, Paul my brother is the eldest and I have a younger sister Virginia CRESDEE.

My father suffered from severe depression for a great deal of his life. He made several attempts to end his life and had to be admitted to hospital for treatment.

He was admitted to Knowle Hospital, Wickham on a number of occasions throughout the 60's, 70's and 80's and received ECT treatment.

Signed: ^X _____

Signature witnessed by: _____

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My father was a very physically strong man and it was mainly due to his strong constitution that his attempts to end his life failed.

My father retired from the navy after twenty two years service and he got a job as a seamanship instructor, teaching young recruits.

My father loved sailing and he enjoyed his job but when the seamanship school closed he seemed to lose his purpose in life and withdrew into himself.

Sometime around 1993/1994 my father was admitted to Alverstoke ward at Knowle Hospital. He was very depressed and had no motivation. My mother had been caring for him at home and the strain this placed on her was giving concern to my father's psychiatric nurse, John ALLEN and his social worker, Jackie whose surname escapes me.

Because of this, a decision was made that my father would be discharged to a rest home.

My father left Knowle and went directly to Hazledene Rest Home where he lived until he was admitted to Mulberry Ward at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

My father became progressively worse whilst at the nursing home. He would not socialise with any of the other residents who were predominantly women. He remained in his room and didn't speak to anyone or acknowledge anyone. He didn't speak when the family visited. He stopped eating and drinking properly and was eventually admitted to Mulberry Ward which is a psychiatric ward at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

My father continued to deteriorate mentally and physically. He didn't respond to treatment, he seemed to have given up.

The nursing staff in the ward were excellent and took great care of my father.

Signed : _____

Signature witnessed by : _____

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The family visited regularly, Virginia and I would take it in turns to take my mother into visit my father.

Eventually Dr Vicky BANKS told us that my father had a chest infection. She told us that there was nothing more that could be done for him on Mulberry Ward and that he was going to be moved onto Dryad Ward.

I knew that my father was not eating or drinking. He would lie in bed all of the time and ignore everyone, he believed that he had parkinsons disease.

I knew that my father was going to Dryad ward for terminal care.

I visited my father regularly with my mother and as a family we watched as my father died through what I would describe as 'self neglect'.

He had become extremely frail and just seemed to have lost the will to live.

I remember asking the nurses if he was in any pain and if he had any pressure sores because he was immobile.

The nurse told me that my father's skin was breaking down and that he cried out when the nurses turned him. I remember that 'morphine' was mentioned to me but I cannot recall if I was told that my father was already receiving it or was going to receive it.

I knew that his body systems were breaking down and that he would have been uncomfortable. I was not alarmed by the thought that my father was being given morphine. I considered it to be appropriate care.

The nurse turned him regularly and I recall that he had a blister on his ear.

My mother was spoken to about the use of a 'drip' and was kept informed about my father's condition and how grave it was.

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The family felt that it was not appropriate to aggressively treat my father. ^X

I remember that it seemed to take my father a long time to die. I expected him to die as he was in a debilitated state wasn't eating or drinking and had a chest infection.

My father died on 24th January 1996. His death ^X was certified by Dr Jane BARTON and his cause of death was given as bronchopneumonia. He was cremated at Portchester Crematorium on 30th January 1996.

^X I never spoke to a doctor during the time that my father was in Dryad ward only the nursing staff, and my father's GP was Dr ASPERIDGE.

I think it is pertinent to mention that I am a retired qualified Registered Mental Nurse SN G grade ^X which would be the equivalent of a sister. Throughout my career I worked mainly with the elderly and at the time of my father's admission to Mulberry Ward I was working as the manager of the Phoenix Day Centre at the Gosport War Memorial.

Signed : X

Signature witnessed by : _____

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Pg 1 ? relevance.

Pg 2 Lynda
Retired RMN
Edna 20s/30s
Married Audrey in Canada in 1943
She came to England with their son in 1947

Pg 3 Nautical Training School - T.S. Mercury.
rarely speaking to anyone
He did not initiate conversation when family visited.

● Pg 4. Dr Vicky Banks told me that the team had considered and rejected ECT. ElectroConvulsive
My father had a chest infection, there^{Therapy}
was nothing more that could be done
for him on Mulberry Ward and that
he would be transferred to Dryad Ward.

I understood that he was going to Dryad
for terminal care.

● I remember morphine was mentioned for
pain relief.

- syringe driver

Pg 5 The family acknowledged that invasive
or aggressive treatments would be
inappropriate.

Death ~~Certificate~~

The nursing staff kept us informed about
his condition, ~~is~~ I did not ask to speak
to a doctor during his admission
to Dryad ward.

G.P. Dr Asbridge.

I am a retired registered mental nurse, having nursed the elderly mentally ill for most of my career.

At the time of my father's admissions to Mulberry ward and Dryad ward I was the 'A' Grade ~~nurse~~^{clinical} manager at Phoenix Day Hospital within Gosport War Memorial Hospital.