

STATEMENT

Number: S17

Surname:

Forenames:

Age: [] Date of Birth: []

Address: []

Postcode: []

Occupation: [HEALTH CARE SUPPORT WORKER]

Telephone No: []

Statement Date: [7/2000] Number of Pages: [2]

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 Support Worker at St Christopher's Hospital Fareham for five years. 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 intravenous drips. 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 (11/8/1998)	Late shift. 1.15pm (1315) - 8.30pm. (2030)
12 "	" " " "
13 "	Day off
14 "	Early shift 0730am - 1.30pm. (1315)
15 "	Split shift 0730am - 1.00pm (1300) and 3.30pm (1530)- 8.30pm. (2030)
16 "	Early shift 0730am - 1.30pm (1330)
17 "	" " "
18 "	Day off
19 "	"
20 "	Annual Leave
21 "	"

3. I do not recall the late Mrs Gladys RICHARDS. All I can remember is that she was a patient in Room 4 on Daedalus Ward. It is possible that I cared for her during her two admissions to Daedalus Ward. I have reviewed Mrs RICHARDS' case records. I have not made any entries. I recall Mrs RICHARDS' daughters, Mrs LACK and Mrs MACKENZIE complaining about their mother's treatment but I am unable to recall any details.

Signed:

[W A Edgar]

Signature witnessed by: []