

STATEMENT

Number: S20

Surname:

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Age: [] Date of Birth: []

Address: []

Postcode: []

Occupation: [HEALTH CARE SUPPORT WORKER]

Telephone No: []

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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 18 months. Prior to that I worked for Match Nursing Agency in Portsmouth and as a bank nurse at various hospitals and nursing homes. I have 17 years experience as a Health Care Support Worker. 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 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:
 11-16 August 1998 (11/08/1998) (16/08/1998) I was working elsewhere for Match Nursing Agency.
 17 August 1998 (17/08/1998) I worked at Gosport War Memorial Hospital as a bank nurse on a late shift 1.15pm (1315) - 8.30pm (2030).
 18, 19 and 20 August. I was not working.
 21 August 1998 (21/08/1998) I worked at Gosport War Memorial Hospital as a bank nurse on a late shift 1.15pm (1315) - 8.30pm (2030).
3. I do recall the patient the late Mrs Gladys RICHARDS and her daughters Mrs LACK and Mrs MACKENZIE. On 17 August 1998 (17/08/1998) I came on duty at 1.15pm (1315) for a late shift. At handover I was briefed about Mrs RICHARDS I was told she had a fall during her previous admission to Daedalus

Ward and had been returned from Haslar Hospital to Daedalus Ward without a canvas. It was suspected that Mrs RICHARDS' hip had dislocated and Dr BARTON had ordered an x-ray. A staff nurse (I cannot remember which one) asked me to take Mrs RICHARDS to the x-ray department for her x-ray. The x-ray department telephoned to say that they were ready for her. One of the porters and I took Mrs RICHARDS to the x-ray department by wheeling her bed along the corridor. Mrs LACK was present and accompanied us. She wanted to come into the x-ray room. However the radiographer asked her to remain outside. Mrs RICHARDS was settled and cried out only when the x-ray plate was placed underneath her. I spoke to her, comforted her and she settled down. I asked the radiographer whether I could take the x-ray report back to the ward. The radiographer said that she would telephone the ward with the report. The porter and I took Mrs RICHARDS back to Daedalus Ward accompanied by Mrs RICHARDS' daughter. I do not recall any further involvement with Mrs RICHARDS on 21 August 1998 (21/08/1998) when I worked a late shift. I have examined Mrs RICHARDS' case records. I have not made any entries.

Signed:

Signature witnessed by: []