

Witness Statement: Mr Philip Beed - Clinical Manager Daedalus Ward

The following statement was taken by Code A Investigating Officer on 8th September 1998.

Q1. How long have you been Clinical Manager on Daedalus Ward?

A. 18 months.

Q2. Were you on duty when Mrs Richards was admitted from Haslar Hospital on 11th August 1998?

A.

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Q3.

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A. No - but the day before - I realised the Ward was going to be busy due to overall activity, admissions, discharges (a) I booked an additional HCSW for a.m. shift (b) Identified 3 patients that could remain in bed (c) Made everyone (all staff) aware it was going to be a busy day.

Q4. On the following day what did you do?

A.

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Q5.

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Q7.

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A. Yes.

Q8.

Code A

A.

Q9.1

Code A

9.2

9.3

A.9.1

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9.2 See answer to Q6.

9.3 See answer to Q6.

Q10. Were you on duty on the 18th August 1998 when Mrs Richards returned from Haslar?

A. I was on a late duty that day.

Q11.

A.

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Q12.

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Q13.

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Q14.

A.

Q15. Can you recall how long from admission to examination by Dr Barton.

A. 3 hrs. approx.

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Q16.

A.

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Q17.

A.

Q18. Were you aware of the family's agreement to do their Mothers laundry?

A. Yes - but I would still want clothing to be marked - I did explain this to Mrs Lack.

Q19. Can you give any explanation why their request for their Mother to wear her own clothes - was not carried out?

A. They had been sent for marking.

Q20. Were you aware of the family's concerns regarding standard of care for their Mother?

A. Yes.

Q21. Did you or Dr Barton have any discussion with the family regarding "feeding" Mrs Richards during her last four days of life (to include I/V fluids)?

A. I do not remember specially talking about feeding/fluids apart from giving a drink if Mrs Richards woke up. The family did not raise this as a concern at the time.

Q22. Do you have anything else to add?

A.

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