

Witness Statement: Mrs Margaret Couchman - Staff Nurse Daedalus Ward.

The following statement was taken by Code A - Investigating Officer on 3rd September 1998.

Q1. Can you confirm you were the named nurse for Mrs Gladys Richards?

A. Yes

Q2. Did you complete the admission documentation on 11th August 1998.

A. No - not on duty - EN Pulford was responsible for completing the admission documentation.

Q3:1

**Code A**

Q3:2

A3:1) No

A3:2) No - I did not complete the admission documentation - but agree this should have been completed.

Q4.

**Code A**

A. No.

Q5. Were you on duty when Mrs Richards was transferred back from Haslar Hospital?

A. Yes.

Q6.

**Code A**

A.

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Q7.

**Code A**

A.

Q8. Was she accompanied by a nurse from Haslar.

A. I cannot answer, I was not on the Ward at the time of Mrs Richards arrival.

Q9.

**Code A**

A.

Q10. Was her daughter involved in making this decision?

A.

**Code A**

Q11. Why would her clothing be sent for marking at the Hospital when her family had agreed to do her washing?

A. Not necessary, but I am aware Gosport War Memorial Hospital had run out of labels i.e. "Daedalus Ward", therefore it was sent to St. Mary's to be labelled.

Q12. Were you aware of the family's concerns regarding the standard of care their Mother was receiving?

A. Yes - the family told me in no uncertain terms.

Q13. It there anything else you would like to say?

A.

**Code A**