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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)

Statement of: LOGAN, ROBERT FREDERICK

Age if under 18: 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: DOCTOR

This statement (consisting of 4 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 anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Signed: RF Logan

Date: 10/03/2006

I am the above named person and I live at the address shown overleaf. I am presently employed by East Hants Primary Care Trust as a Consultant Geriatrician. I have been a Consultant Geriatrician in the Portsmouth area for the past seventeen years.

I went to Bristol Medical School graduating in 1979 with a MBChB which is a basic medical degree. In 1982 I became a Member of the Royal College of Physicians in London and a Fellow of the same college in 1995. The membership entailed passing a post graduate examination. My GMC number is 2487100.

In my role as a Consultant Geriatrician I am responsible for supervising the care of a wide range of sick elderly people. These include emergency care, patients referred by GP's for out patient and day hospital care and occasional domiciliary visits (home visits). My supervisor is Mrs. Lesley HUMPHREY who is a General Manager at Queen Alexandra Hospital. In 1991 I was contracted as a full time Consultant Geriatrician based at St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth. I was employed by the Portsmouth and South East Hants Health Authority. Part of my responsibilities was to provide consultant cover for continuing care beds of St. Christopher's Hospital, Fareham and Redclyffe Annexe, Gosport. I was not responsible for wards at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

As the consultant I would visit the wards including Redcliffe Annexe once a fortnight. I was available for consultation between ward rounds but the clinical assistant had a day to day clinical responsibility for the medical care of the patients.

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In 1991 part of my responsibility was to provide consultant cover for these continuing care beds from memory Dr. Jane BARTON was already in post as the clinical assistant.

I have been shown a copy of the job description for the post of clinical assistant to the geriatric division in Gosport. I am not the author of this document nor do I know who wrote it. At the time it was written I believe that it was a properly worded and fair job description of the role of clinical assistant.

It would be difficult for me to say with any accuracy how many times Dr. Jane BARTON contacted me. I had full confidence in Dr. BARTON's clinical abilities. During ward rounds I would discuss patient care with Dr. BARTON. I do not recall ever having had a serious disagreement about the medical management of a patient.

I am aware that Dr. BARTON had some training from Dr. GRUNSTEIN prior to starting the post. I am not able to comment on the detail of this training but it is fair to say that Dr. BARTON was an experienced Doctor prior to undertaking this post. Dr. BARTON had been a doctor for nearly 20 years before becoming clinical assistant. This meant she was very experienced for this role.

As the consultant I had three clinical assistants, Dr. Jane BARTON and two at St. Christopher's Hospital, Dr. Robert BELLINGER and Dr. Jeremy FISHER .

I had no concerns about any of the clinical assistants, all ran their wards in a similar fashion. I believe the reason there were two clinical assistants at Fareham was that they shared the role. I don't know how many sessions they undertook or how beds or patients they were responsible for. Without the data I can't say if anyone had a higher work load than anyone else.

I don't recall Dr. Jane BARTON ever saying she had concerns about her work load. Nothing I saw on the ward with Dr. BARTON ever caused me any concerns with regard to her work load. I always felt she managed it appropriately.

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In the early 1990's a significant proportion of the patients at the Redcliffe Annexe were frail and towards the end of their lives.

In 1992 or 1993 I no longer had responsibilities for the Redcliffe Annexe. Although I did work at the Day Hospital at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital, I did not work on Dryad Ward until 2004.

I have not worked with Jane BARTON since 1992 or 1993 and I never worked with her at the main hospital site. I did work on Dryad Ward between November 2004 and I think October 2005.

The current medical manpower at the GWMH has changed greatly since I worked at the Redcliffe Annexe. Day to day medical care is provided by junior doctors supervised by a staff grade physician. I was not involved in this restructuring so I am unable to make comment on why the part time role of clinical assistant changed.

In my statement I said that Dr. BARTON was a doctor for nearly 20 years prior to taking on the role of clinical assistant. I wish to add that this was relevant experience.

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