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IN THE MATTER OF GOSPORT WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**Code A****PART ONE**

Name: Emily Yeats
Date of Birth: [please insert] **Code A**
Relationship to the Deceased: Granddaughter
Name of Deceased: Alice Wilkie
Last Address of Deceased: **Code A**
Date of birth of Deceased: **Code A**
Date of death: **Code A**

A: Formal details

1. I am Emily Yeats and my date of birth is [please insert] **Code A**
I am the granddaughter of ~~Norma Windsor~~ ^{Alice Wilkie}. I make this statement following my grandmother's treatment at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

B: Admission to Gosport War Memorial Hospital

2. In August 1998, my grandmother was admitted to Gosport War Memorial Hospital, for respite care following treatment for a Urinary Tract Infection at the Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth.
3. She was admitted to Daedulus ward, where she died ¹⁵10 days later.

C: Immediate action after death

4. There was no mention of a post-mortem following my grandmother's death. Her death was not referred to the Coroner.
5. When I went, with my mother, to the Registry Office to register the death, I queried the cause of death on the death certificate, which stated 1. Pneumonia 2. Senile Dementia. The Registrar simply said "Oh, they often

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put that." Although not satisfied with this response, I did not question it further.

D: Chronology of Complaints

6. In November 2001, I contacted the police [at.....?] , and spoke to Code A Code A – he took my details and explained that the police would investigate and get back to me.
7. After a few months, I called back and, during my second call, was told that Code A *was having trouble getting the files from the hospital.* The files had just been received from the hospital.
The Code A phoned to say →
8. I heard nothing again for several months, when I rang the police and was told that DS John James had taken over, but he was not taking the investigation any further.
9. On 13 February 2002, my mother then received a letter from DS John James, explaining that he had decided that they would not be conducting any further enquiries.
10. Soon afterwards, we had a meeting at my mother's house, where DS *25/12/02* John James said that my grandmother's medical records had been sent to an independent medical expert, who's report stated that there was
 - a. A sub-standard level of care and
 - b. Concern over the level of drugs administered
 However, he explained that the reasons that the police were not continuing with the investigation were as follows:
 - a. Lack of police resources
 - b. So as not to cause unnecessary anxiety to other families
11. My mother then lodged a formal complaint, in a letter dated 11 April 2002, addressed to Chief Constable Kernaghan of Winchester Police Headquarters. This was copied to the Police Complaints Authority, David Blunkett MP, Iain Duncan Smith MP, Peter Viggers MP and the General Medical Council.
12. My mother also made a formal complaint, dated 11 April 2002, to Michael *Hudson* ~~Husph~~ at the General Medical Council, setting out the details of my grandmother's treatment by Dr Barton and Phillip Beed.
13. I received a reply from the Home Office, explaining the role of the Home Secretary, and advising that I contact the Police Complaints Authority.

at this meeting John James informed us that there was no question of murder as there was no monetary gain involved such as in the Harold Shipman case!

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14. I received a standard reply from the Police Complaints Authority, dated 15 April, explaining the role of the Authority.
15. I received a reply from the GMC, dated 17 April, explaining the powers which the GMC have over doctors. When was GMC complaint made?
16. On 1 May 2002, my mother asked for confirmation from CS Dan Clacher that her complaint against **Code A** had been lodged formally.
17. She received a letter dated 1 May 2002 from CS Clacher, confirming the above.
18. During that first week of May 2002, **Code A** telephoned me. I was most surprised at this call, so I called the PCA to ask whether an officer, against whom I had made a formal complaint should be personally calling me at home. They informed me that he should not be doing this.
19. In a letter dated 4th May 2002, my mother wrote to CC Kernaghan, explaining that **Code A** was continuing to telephone me.
20. ~~CS~~ Clacher came round to take a statement from me. He was with us for over ~~3~~^{4 1/2} hours, but the statement related primarily to relating to our complaint against **Code A**.
21. On 9th May 2002, Inspector Rickwood, Staff Officer to Paul Kernaghan replied to the above letter, stating that it would be inappropriate for CC Kernaghan to become involved at this time.
22. On 10th May 2002, my mother received a letter from Ian Piper, Chief Executive of the Fareham and Gosport Primary Care Trust, introducing himself.
23. In letter dated 15th May, Chief Superintendent Derek Stevens wrote to inform that ~~CS~~^{CS} Clacher had now been appointed as the investigating officer with regards the complaint against **Code A**.
24. My mother received a letter from the GMC, dated 24th May, exonerating Dr Lord, as she was the consultant in charge, but Dr Barton was responsible for the day-to-day medical care of my grandmother.
25. On 1st June 2002, my mother wrote a formal complaint to the UKCC Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting., to which I received a response, stating that the matter was to be brought to the Council's Preliminary Proceedings Committee on 27 August.
26. In a letter dated 11 July 2002, Michael Huspith, of Fitness to Practise Directorate of GMC, confirmed that, following receipt of information from Hampshire Constabulary, a case against Dr Barton was scheduled to be

The GMC took up to complete a form naming the doctor involved.

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21/4/02
26/4/02
31/5/02
I contacted Paul. As Clacher had received our formal complaint by then.

30/4/02

Code A phoned again 10/5/02 + put phone down on me. This was after my letter complaining about additional contact.

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considered on 29-30 August 2002 at a meeting of the Council's Preliminary Proceedings Committee.

27. In a letter dated 12 July 2002, CC Kernaghan wrote to explain his reasoning behind the promotion of **Code A** despite the ongoing investigations into his conduct.
28. I wrote to Ian Piper in a letter dated July 17th, expressing my concern at his actions during the CHI press conference.
29. I also wrote to Alan Milburn, Health Minister, on July 17th, requesting a response in the light of the recent CHI report.
30. I also wrote to Peter Viggers, MP, in response to his comments in the local newspaper.
31. I wrote a letter dated 1 August 2002, addressed to CC Kernaghan, expressing my serious concern at the way in which my case had been handled since it was handed back to Police Headquarters. Again, this was copied to DCC Readhead, David Blunkett MP and Duncan Gere, Police Complaints Authority.
32. I received an apology in a letter dated 5 August, from Ian Piper, in response to my letter dated July 17th.
33. In a letter dated 6th August from the Chief Constable, he wrote that he wanted to assure me that a comprehensive police investigation had been carried out and that the CPS have had all the relevant facts.
- I replied to CC Kernaghan, on 8th August, to the above letter, disagreeing with points raised and comments made.
34. I received a letter, dated 19th August, from DCC Readhead, explaining that he had received the Clacher report, and it was his intention to appoint Superintendent Paul Stickler to collate all the matters and submit them to the CPS. He emphasised that this was not a new investigation nor were they seeking new evidence.
35. I received a letter, dated 19th August, from Peter Viggers, MP, dismissing my concerns, and disagreeing with my actions.
37. I wrote a letter dated 1 September 2002 to DCC Readhead, expressing my concern at his justification and reasoning behind the decision not to open a new investigation or seek any further evidence.
38. I met with DCC Readhead, CS Clacher and several families at Fareham Police Station on 11 September 2002. The police informed us that the following information ^{would be} had been sent to the CPS:
- a. Details of Gladys Richards case

* See end of July + 19/8/02 when Readhead sent his letter I made several calls to police HQ in an attempt to ascertain what was happening. Each time we were told something different!! But nobody was willing to let us know exactly what was happening.

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- b. Glacher report
 - c. 4 independent expert medical opinions
 - d. CHI report
39. In a letter dated 12 September, Michael Keegan of the Conduct Case Presentation Section at GMC, confirmed that the Council's Preliminary Proceedings Committee had decided that a charge should be formulated against Dr Barton, and an inquiry into that charge should be held by the Council's Professional Conduct Committee.
 40. They have since written to confirm that the inquiry has been postponed until the criminal investigation has been concluded.
 41. In a letter dated 18th September 2002, I received from DCC Readhead, responses to the questions which I had put to him during the above meeting.
 42. In a letter dated 20 September, I received information from Hampshire and Isle of Wight Health Authority, confirming that Professor Baker was to undertake a clinical audit of the Hospital. It also informed me that additional information had come to light, including internal documents dating back to 1991, highlighting concerns regarding prescribing practices.
 43. I received a letter from the UKCC Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting, following a telephone conversation with Mark Mallinson, dated 27th September, stating that the matter is to be adjourned in order to await the outcome of the investigations by the CPS.

D: Main Concerns

44. My main concerns relate to Dr Barton and Phillip Beed. They are not fit for working, and should undergo a criminal prosecution for their ~~maltreatment~~ *maltreatment murder (ma's laughter) gross negligence.* of my grandmother, *+ should be held accountable for their actions.*
45. I believe Lucy Docherty and Ian Piper should not hold any senior office at a Health Authority, and should be held accountable.
46. I am also *extremely* frustrated with the way in which the police have handled the situation since the first concerns were raised. Code A *should be held accountable for his failure to investigate this case. The police should conduct a full investigation.*

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47. I want to ensure that no other family goes through what mine has been through.

E: Further potential witnesses

48. My mother, Marilyn Jackson of Code A together with my sister, Lisa Payne, were attending the hospital regularly. They have been involved in much of the action taken since.

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed

Code A

Dated