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IN THE MATTER OF GOSPORT WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

STATEMENT OF BERNARD FREDERICK PAGE

PART ONE

NAME: Bernard Frederick Page

DATE OF BIRTH: Code A

RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED: Son

NAME OF DECEASED: Eva Isobel Page

LAST ADDRESS OF DECEASED: Code A

DATE OF BIRTH: Code A

DATE OF DEATH: Code A

A. Formal Details

1. I am Mr Bernard Frederick Page of Code A
Code A and my date of birth is the
Code A I am the son of Eva Isobel Page.

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B. Admittance to Gosport War Memorial Hospital

1. My mother was transferred from the Queen Alexandra Hospital to Gosport War Memorial Hospital at approximately 12pm on 27/02/1998.
2. Primarily she was admitted to hospital for rehabilitation. She had suffered from Angina and following an X-ray at the Queens Alexandra Hospital it was suspected that she might have lung cancer.
3. My mother was admitted to the Dryad Ward at Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

C. Immediate action after death

4. My mother's death was not referred to the Coroner, neither was a post mortem carried out following her death.

D. Chronology of Complaints

5. My initial complaint was made on the 9/04/2001 to Detective Sargeant Dave Code A at Kingston Police Station. I received a phone call from the Detective on the 10/04/2001 to confirm that he had received the letter.
6. On 15/11/2001 I received a letter from Detective Superintendent John James stating that he would not be taking the investigation any further. All relevant information had been passed to CHI.
7. On 13/11/2001 I received a letter from CHI stating that they wished to take a statement from me.

8. On 13/02/2002 I received a further letter from Detective Superintendent John James asking me to have a meeting with him on the 22/02/2002.
9. On 17/05/2002 I attended a meeting with Lucy Docherty, the lay Chairman of the Fareham and Gosport Primary Care Trust and Ian Piper the Chief Executive of the Primary Care Trust.
10. On 17/05/2002 I wrote to Michael Hudspith at the General Medical Council making a formal complaint against Dr Lord and Dr Barton.
11. On 17/05/2002 I made a written complaint to the Nursing and Midwifery Council regarding Sister Hamlyn, Nurse Freda Shaw and others.
12. On 21/05/2002 I received a letter from Hampshire Constabulary stating that the matter had been referred to the Professional Standards Department.
13. On 23/05/2002 I received a reply from Fareham and Gosport Primary Care Trust stating that they would do their utmost to ensure that the recommendations of the CHI report are implemented.
14. On 29/05/2002 I had a meeting with Dan Clacker where I made an informal statement regarding my complaint about Gosport War Memorial Hospital.
15. On 12/06/2002 I received a response from the General Medical Council confirming that they have received a copy of Professor Ford's report (the expert medical opinion)
16. On 21/06/2002 the General Medical Council wrote to inform me that I would not be able to receive a copy of this report.
17. On 11/07/2002 I received a letter from the General Medical Council stating that no action was to be taken against Dr Lord but the case against Dr Barton was scheduled to be considered on the 29-30th

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August 2002 at a meeting of the Council's Preliminary Proceedings Committee.

18. On 12/08/2002 I received a letter from Nursing and Midwifery Council stating that this matter had been passed to the their preliminary proceedings committee.
19. On 19/08/2002 I received a letter from Hampshire Constabulary stating that the matter had been referred again to the CPS.
20. On 30/08/2002 I wrote to the Attorney General with a general summary regarding the issues involved in my case.
21. On 12/09/2002 I received a letter from the GMC stating that the matter has been referred from the Preliminary Proceedings Committee to the Professional Conduct Committee.
22. On 27/09/2002 I received a letter from Nursing and Midwifery Council stating that the matter has now been adjourned until further notice.
23. On 3/10/02 I received a letter from the Attorney General stating that it is not their responsibility and the CPS is actively considering it.

E. Main Concerns

25. I am extremely concerned about the care and treatment that my mother received at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital, particularly the use of sedation drugs.
26. I am also concerned about the unwillingness of the police to question the medical profession.
27. Moreover, I feel that the system as a whole is incompetent and there appears to be little control over the medical profession.

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F. Further Potential Witnesses

28. My wife Marguerite Page and my daughter Samantha Page also visited my mother whilst she was in the Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

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

Signed.....

BERNARD FREDERICK PAGE

Dated