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IN THE MATTER OF GOSPORT WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**STATEMENT OF DEBORAH McKAY****PART ONE**

NAME: Mrs Deborah McKay

DATE OF BIRTH:

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RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED:

Daughter

NAME OF DECEASED:

Stanley Eric Carby

LAST ADDRESS OF DECEASED:

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DATE OF BIRTH OF DECEASED:

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DATE OF DEATH:

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A: Formal Details

1. I am Deborah McKay of [please confirm address] and my date of birth is

Code A I am the daughter of Stanley Eric Carby and I make this

statement regarding the events surrounding my father's death in the

Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

B: Admittance to Gosport

2. My father was transferred to Gosport War Memorial Hospital from the Hasler Hospital on 26/4/99. He had been admitted to hospital after he had suffered a stroke, the transfer to Gosport was to allow for rehabilitation before he returned home. He was still suffering from some weakness on his left hand side and needed some assistance eating, but other than he was well.

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3. My father was admitted to the Daedalus ward.

C: Immediate action after death

4. My father's death was not referred to a Coroner, nor was a post mortem carried out.

D: Chronology of Complaints

5. I was concerned as soon as my father was admitted to the ward. The staff did not seem to be bothered about him and I had to tell them all about his diabetes and high blood pressure.
6. On the day my father died we had to ask to speak to Dr Barton, she did not come and speak to us before that. I asked her what was wrong and all she said was that we should let nature take its course. We never knew what was going to happen and nobody told us.
7. It is not clear when my father deteriorated, but when I got there with my mother on the morning of the day that he died, we were told that it was during the previous night. I had made it clear to the sister that was on duty when my father was admitted **[do you remember the sister's name?]** Not Shur that I could be contacted at any time and I complained to the nurse that no one had contacted me until that morning.
8. We first complained to the Health Authority in May 2002. My mother and sister had a meeting with Dr Lord and Jan Peach on 22 May 2002. We were not happy with the outcome of this meeting and did not feel that our

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concerns were neither addressed nor answered. A letter was sent by Jan Peach to my mother, dated 30/5/02, which provide details of the meeting. This letter does not include a record of everything that was discussed.

9. A letter of complaint was sent to the GMC on 27/5/02, which complained about Dr Barton and the nursing staff. This letter was acknowledged on 7/6/02, but a full response was not received until 5/8/02 and my mother was updated further on 9/10/02.
10. My father's death was reported to the police at Police headquarters in Winchester by way of a letter dated 16/8/02. This letter was responded to by DCC Readhead on 19/8/02, when my mother was informed that they would not be looking into my father's death. We were not happy with this response from DCC Readhead and we complained to him in a letter dated 1/9/02. This letter was copied to the Home Secretary, Prime Minister, Chief Constable, Health Secretary and leader of the Opposition, among others.
11. A complaint has also been made to the Nursing and Midwifery Council by way of a letter dated 16/8/02. This was acknowledged on 5/9/02, but we have had no further contact with them.

E: Main Concerns

12. My main concern and my family's, is that there was a decision made about my father's life without any discussion with us. I believe that the staff at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital played god with his life and that should not be allowed.

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13. The police just seem to want to sweep it under the carpet and this should not be allowed to happen. Something needs to be done about it. I do not want anyone else to go through what my family has had to. My father was very young when he died and it should not have happened.

F: Further Potential Witnesses

14. My mother, Rita Carby of [Code A] and my sister, Lucinda Carby, of [Code A] are both further witnesses to the above.

15. My brother [Code A] and my maternal aunt and uncle, all attended my father when he was in Gosport Hospital and would be able to provide evidence as to his treatment and condition whilst there.

I believe that the facts in this statement are true.

Signed

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Dated

24th October 2002