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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: PARTRIDGE, MARGARET JUNE

Age if under 18: OVER 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: RETIRED

This statement (consisting of 2 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: M J PARTRIDGE

Date: 22/08/2003

I live at the address shown overleaf and I worked at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital from 1963 until I retired in 1996.

I was a qualified SEN, having completed my training in 1963.

I worked three nights a week, originally working at the Northcote Annex for twenty years and then moving to Redcliffe Annex when the lease ran out at Northcote. I then moved to Daedalus Ward at the main hospital site when Redcliffe closed and was taken over by Knowle Hospital. I continued to work nights.

I have been asked to describe the standard of general patient care at the hospital.

I always found it to be quite good.

I have been asked if I had any concerns about the use of syringe drivers and diamorphine. I didn't but I didn't have much to do with them. They were always set up prior to me coming on duty and as they ran for 24 hours I would only have to check them through the night.

I know that the Staff Nurse I worked with at Redcliffe did have concerns about their use. I knew that she thought that patients were put onto syringe drivers without first trying less strong pain relief. The Staff Nurse was Sylvia GIFFIN. I knew that she raised her concerns with the day sister.

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I presume that the sister told Dr BARTON who was the doctor who prescribed for Redcliffe Annex. I thought that when Dr BARTON came into the annex in the morning before we went home there seemed to be an atmosphere between them, Dr BARTON and Sylvia. I didn't have any concerns about the use of diamorphine. I trusted those who were in the position to prescribe it and set the syringe drivers up.

I have never received training in the use of syringe drivers. My knowledge of the enquiries at the hospital comes from the media.

I have been asked if I can recall the names of doctors who visited the wards and the only one that comes to mind is Dr BARTON. I remember that the day sister was called Gill HAMBLIN .

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Signature Witnessed by: