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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: FROST, SUSAN ANN

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

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: S A FROST

Date: 06/11/2002

I reside at the address shown overleaf. I am currently employed as the Dean of the School of Human and Health Sciences at the University of Huddersfield.

I qualified as a State Registered Nurse in 1972 and qualified as a Registered Health Visitor in 1974. I then worked in the Gosport and Portsmouth area as a health visitor until around 1976.

In 1976 I became a Community Nurse Teacher, teaching pre-registered nurses at the School of Nursing at the Queen Alexandra Hospital in Cosham, Hampshire.

In 1978 I trained as a Registered Nurse Teacher and obtained a Certificate of Education from London University and registered with the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting as a Nurse Teacher.

In 1986 I obtained a degree in Social Sciences and in 1988 I was appointed Deputy Principal at the School of Nursing.

In 1991 I became the Principal of the Solent School of Health Studies, the nurse training school in Portsmouth and in the September the school transferred to become part of Portsmouth University. At this time I came under the management of the Dean of Faculty of Humanities and Social Studies in the University of Portsmouth (the faculty title may be slightly inaccurate).

I was no longer employed by the Health Service. I became the Head of the School of Health Studies in the University and Associate Dean for Nursing.

In 1993 I became the Director of Adult and Children's Nursing at the English National Board, the educational regulatory body for nursing.

In 1988 I obtained a Master of Philosophy from the University of Bath.

In 1997 I was appointed Dean and Professor of Nurse Education at the University of Huddersfield, a post I still hold.

I have been asked if I recall any incidents or conversations relating to the use of syringe drivers

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and diamorphine whilst I was in charge of the nursing school in Portsmouth.

In 1991 I was in charge of the school that provided education courses for student nurses leading to them qualifying and registering as nurses. We also provided some courses for qualified nurses, eg. theatre nurses. We also provide some in-service training on request and where appropriate to our skills (eg, lifting).

Most technical training was carried out by the Health Service staff themselves. Any training carried out by the School of Nursing was at the request of the Health Service Managers.

I have been asked if I know Gerardine WHITNEY. I have known Gerardine, known as Geri, since the late 1980's. She was a tutor at the School of Nursing until she was appointed Senior Tutor at my direction. She has an honorary teaching contract at Huddersfield University and I see her socially occasionally.

I have been asked if I have any recollection of any concerns that Geri may have had around 1991 relating to the Gosport War Memorial Hospital. I can remember Geri advising me that she had had some serious concerns raised by nurses at Gosport War Memorial Hospital. As I recall these related to a wide number of incidents about standards of patient care particularly in relation to pain management. I cannot remember the specific details. I am certain that Geri followed this up advising me of a number of actions she had taken in reporting the concerns she had identified and I am confident that the matter was handled swiftly and efficiently by Geri in alerting the hospital manager to the concerns.

I have been shown a copy of a report written by Geri. It relates to a visit to the Redcliffe Annex, Gosport War Memorial Hospital and is dated 31 October 1991 (31/10/1991) (JEP/GWMH/1/KMR/COPY/5). I have no recollection of seeing either of these reports before. I believe that I would have remembered them because of the serious nature of their content. However I do know that Geri briefed me on the general gist of the concerns.

I have printed a copy of my curriculum vitae as posted on the University of Huddersfield website (SAF/CV/1).

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