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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: PARVIN, JANE ELIZABETH

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: PERSONNEL DIRECTOR

This statement (consisting of 3 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: J. Parvin

Date: 14/10/2002

I am employed by the Fareham and Gosport Primary Care Trust and hold the position of Personnel Director. I am responsible for the strategy relating to human resources. I advice on the employment laws and I oversee personal policies.

I have worked within the Health Service since 1982 when I was employed as a Nursing Assistant.

In 1986 I moved to the personnel side of the organisation and in October 1991 I worked within the Fareham and Gosport Community Services. This department dealt with the Gosport War Memorial Hospital. In April 2002 I took up my current title and position.

A decision has been taken to review the Gosport War Memorial Hospital and its prescribing procedures and policies. Professor BAKER has been tasked with carrying out this work.

In order to inform the staff of this review a number of meetings were arranged at the hospital and staff were spoken to on a rotation basis.

On Monday 16th September 2002 (16/09/2002) I, along with Lucy DOHERTY, Chair of Fareham and Gosport Primary Care Trust, spoke with a number of Nurses at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital. The meeting ended around 3 pm (1500) and at its conclusion I was approached by Jan PEACH, the Hospital Service Manager who said, 'Look Jane, this has just been handed to Toni SCAMELL'. Jan handed me a red plastic document wallet which contained letters and memos dated 1991. I briefly looked at the documents which related to

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staff concerns over the use of Diamorphine on patients which they felt was inappropriate (JEP/GWMH/1).

I kept the folder with me and returned with Lucy to my office in Fareham. I intended to give the documents to Ian PIPER, Chief Executive of the Fareham & Gosport Primary Care Trust.

Upon my arrival Ian was about to give a television interview so I waited until he was available and then I drew his attention to the documents.

He then called a meeting to decide the next course of action. This meeting was attended by myself, Jan PEACH, Lucy DOHERTY, Kathryn ROWLES and Sue GALLEY. During the meeting Kathryn took the documents and photocopied them. She returned the original documents to me.

On Wednesday 18th September 2002 (18/9/2002), I held a meeting with two Nurses who were named in the documents given to me (JLP/GWMH/1). These were Senior Staff Nurse Anita TUBBRITT and Staff Nurse Code A Betty WOODLAND, RCN Representative and Toni SCAMELL, the Senior Nurse, were also present.

The meeting was recorded and Toni SCAMELL kept the minutes.

On Friday 24th September 2002 (24/09/2002) I handed DC Code A the red document wallet and its contents (JEP/GWMH/1).

I have been asked if I was aware of any issues concerning Diamorphine and its usage when I worked for the Fareham and Gosport community Services in 1991.

In November 1990 I went on maternity leave. At this point I worked within the Learning Disabilities Department. Upon my return from maternity leave in October 1991 I began working within the Personnel Department on a part-time basis, working 2 days per week. I was not aware of any concerns or issues with regards to the use of Diamorphine at the hospital.

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