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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:

Code A

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

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:

Code A

Date: 09/05/2003

I am the above named person and I live at the address overleaf. I am an RGN, grade D. I qualified in nursing in 1987 and between June 1999 and January 2002 I worked on Dryad Ward of the Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

During that time I had no concerns over general patient care which in my experience was very good. With regard to the use of syringe drivers although I had no concerns about their use or the drugs used in them, when I first arrived I was concerned about the lack of labels on them.

That is to say, that the drugs being used were recorded in patients notes, prescription sheets and the controlled drugs book by way of cross reference. However there were no labels or any other visual marking to say what was in the driver. Prior to working at the GWMH I had experience in the use of syringe drivers and had undertaken a 2 or 3 day course.

I spoke with Staff Nurse TUBRITT about my concerns as did other staff. Shortly after this there was a ward meeting and the issue of labels was brought up. We then began putting labels on drivers and putting a syringe driver chart in practice. My only concerns were of an administration (paperwork) as opposed to any clinical issues.

In the main I worked nights at the GWMH and had little contact with the Doctors or GP's who would visit. I did meet with Dr BARTON and found her to be a very good and caring doctor. I recall a patient named Mrs GILBUTSON who needed wound dressings to be changed. Dr BARTON consulted with me, Mrs GILBUTON and her family to provide appropriate pain relief prior to dressings. Dr BARTON considered both patients care and relatives concerns in

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her dealings with people.

I wish to conclude by saying that the investigation into the GWMH has meant that clinical staff are now worried about giving adequate pain relief, which is my own personal view.

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