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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: DIAMOND, KAREN ELIZABETH

Age if under 18: OVER 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: PHYSIO-TECHNICIAN

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: K E DIAMOND

Date: 02/06/2003

I am the above named person and I live at an address known to Hampshire Police.

I am not sure of the exact dates but from the end of 1989 to about the end of 1994 I worked as a nursing auxiliary at the Redcliffe Annex, The Avenue, Gosport. Redcliffe Annexe at that time was a palliative care ward and came under the umbrella of the Gosport War Memorial Hospital. As a nursing auxiliary I did not receive any formal training in nursing.

I found the general patient care at Redcliffe Annexe to be very good. I was aware of the use of syringe drivers but I had not had any training in their setting up or use. I was aware of the reason for their use and they certainly appeared to do the job they were meant to which was to ease patients pain. I certainly did not have any concerns about their use.

Diamorphine was also used at The Annexe to relive pain. Redcliffe Annexe was unusual in that auxiliary nurses were allowed to countersign a qualified nurses signature in the drugs book to save a second qualified nurse travelling down from the main hospital. I did not have any concerns about the prescription of Diamorphine and often countersigned the register. There was only one occasion that caused me concern regarding Diamorphine. This was when a staff nurse who I can only remember as Betty, drew some Diamorphine but not in my presence. She asked me to countersign the register but I refused as I had not witnessed the act. I do not know what happened but she would have had to get another signature otherwise she would not have been able to administer the drug.

I have no knowledge of any internal investigations at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital as I

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have not worked at the hospital since 1994. I am aware that there is an ongoing police investigation into suspicious deaths at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital as I have read it in the newspaper.

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