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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: FARMER, YVONNE

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

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: Y FARMER

Date: 25/11/2004

I am employed as a secretary for Doctor Richard Ian REID , the Medical Director for East Hants PCT.

I have worked in elderly medicine at the Queen Alexandra (QA) Hospital for 18 months beginning May 2003. I have been Dr REID's personal secretary for approximately 13 months commencing from the beginning of November 2003.

As a result of a telephone request from Irene DIX from the Fareham and Gosport Primary Care Trust (PCT) I left a note for Dr REID informing him that a draft Protocol for Prescription and Administration of Diamorphine by subcutaneous infusion was required by the Fareham and Gosport PCT.

I believe that the request for this document was on the 25/10/2004.

I was informed by Dr REID that the "draft Protocol for Prescription of Diamorphine" was most probably located in the medicines and prescribing files which should be located in my office.

I then commenced searching for the Protocol form and eventually found it in the oldest file headed 'Medicines and Prescribing Committee II' (The earliest paperwork within this file is dated January 2001).

I located the draft Protocol for prescription and administration of diamorphine by subcutaneous infusion at the very bottom of the file.

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At this stage on the 26/10/2004 I telephone Irene DIX and informed her that I had found the protocol form that she had requested. I also told her that it was a copy with writing possibly with some kind of comments thereon.

Irene DIX asked me to fax the document which I duly did at 1.50pm (1350) on the 26/10/2004.

The fax machine used was the fax machine within the Elderly Medical Dept, admissions office, telephone 01705200381.

Once the fax had been sent I then returned the document back to the file where I had found it.

I have been shown a copy of the fax and I can confirm that this was sent by me to Irene DIX, exhibit ref ID/F&GPCT/1.

Some time later I can't remember exactly when I received a further phone call from Irene DIX requesting a hard copy of the original document of the Protocol draft form for Prescription and Administration of Diamorphine by subcutaneous infusion" without the comments written thereon. I was informed that this was required by the police.

I again retrieved the document from the file and attached a note to it for Dr REID stating Irene DIX was asking for the original.

The following day I spoke to Dr REID he told me that this draft Protocol was an old copy and that we did not have anything else.

I believe Dr REID then spoke to Irene DIX explaining the situation.

I have not seen this document since I left it by the side of Dr REID's printer in his office.

Taken by:DC Code A

Signed: Y FARMER
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Signature Witnessed by: