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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: DOCHERTY, LUCY CLARE

Age if under 18: OVER 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: CHAIRMAN PRIMARY CARE TRUST

This statement (consisting of 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: Lucy DOCHERTY

Date: 15/01/2003

I am Lucy Clare DOCHERTY and I live at an address known to Hampshire Police. I have been connected with the National Health Service for several years. I held a voluntary part time position as the chairman of the Maternity Services Liaison Committee (MSLC), which was a committee of the Portsmouth and South East Hampshire Health Authority for 3½ years. In 1999 I became the Lay Member of the Fareham Primary Care Group until 1st April 2002 (01/04/2002) when I was appointed chairman of the Fareham and Gosport Primary Care Trust (PCT).

During the morning of Monday 16th September 2002 I attended a meeting with Ian PIPER, Jane PARVIN, Jan PEACH, Kathryn ROWLES and Sue GALLEY to discuss how we would coordinate the media coverage of the issues surrounding Professor BAKER's audit at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital. The meeting had to be adjourned as Jane PARVIN and I had a pre arranged meeting at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

The purpose of this meeting was to assure all staff that they had the full support of the organisation during the audit, listen to their concerns and explain that the audit would be good for all concerned.

At the conclusion of this meeting Jane and I returned to our office at Fareham Reach. I went into my office in order to hang up my coat and Jane went into Ian PIPER's office. I joined them shortly afterwards and saw that Ian PIPER was holding a folder. Jane said words to the effect of "I was handed this by Toni SCAMMELL at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital".

Signed: Lucy DOCHERTY
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We were about to reconvene our earlier meeting and the same persons were present. The issues contained in these documents were then discussed and Ian PIPER stated that he was going to inform the Strategic Health Authority in order that a strategy could be devised covering the contents of these documents. I certainly was not aware of the existence of these documents before this moment and I do not think anyone else was either. The documents were not left in my charge at anytime although we did examine their contents as a group at this meeting. The Strategic Health Authority was informed of the existence of the dossier later on in the afternoon.

Ian PIPER wrote a letter to the Director of Public Health, Simon TANNER, the next day and sent the dossier with the letter.

I had no knowledge of the issues or circumstances surrounding the use of Diamorphine at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital until the issues were raised by The Portsmouth Evening News.

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