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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: HALLMANN, SHIRLEY SANDRA

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

This statement (consisting of 4 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: Shirley Hallmann

Date: 12/04/2006

I am Shirley Sandra HALLMANN and I live at an address known to Hampshire Police.

I am employed as a Grade E Nurse at Jubilee House, Cosham, Hampshire.

I trained at St Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth between 1968 and 1971, qualifying as a State Registered Nurse, (SRN) and my number is 439846. Between 1971 and 1972 I extended my training to midwifery in Edinburgh, Scotland, qualifying as a State Certified Midwife, (SCM), and my registration number is 439846.

I returned to St Mary's, Portsmouth, Hants until 1973 when I emigrated to the United States of America, working for a year in intensive care in Forth Worth.

Between 1976 and 1980 I was employed in the State of Iowa working in obstetrics and minor surgery.

I returned to Britain in 1980 and was employed at St Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth, Hants on the medical ward as a Staff Nurse, working night shift going on for a year as a Midwife at Blackbrook Maternity Hospital, Fareham.

As a result of a back injury I was not employed between 1982 and 1988.

I restarted work in 1988 as a Staff Nurse in the Eye Dept at the Queen Alexandra Hospital,

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Cosham, Hants for a period of six months, returning to St Mary's where I worked in gynaecology.

Between 1991 and 1996 I was employed as a Staff Nurse at the Royal South Hants Hospital, Southampton during which time I worked in acute medicine.

Between 1996 and 1998 I worked in patient rehabilitation in Moorgreen Hospital, Southampton.

In January 1998 I commenced work as an F Grade Staff Nurse at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital, Gosport, Hants.

In 2000 I started work as an E grade nurse at Jubilee House, Cosham, working in palliative and continuing care.

Whilst I was employed as a Grade F Staff Nurse at GWMH I was Deputy Manager of Dryad Ward, my then line manager being Gill HAMBLIN. When Gill HAMBLIN was on duty I would revert to the responsibilities of an E grade nurse. As such I would have care of the patients in an oversee role.

As Deputy Manager I would have responsibility of the ward when the manager was not there. The role of Deputy Manager requires an F Grade.

I have been asked if the following medical equipment was available to patients at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital. I can only speak for when I worked on Dryad Ward, between January 1998 and September 2000.

Venflons and giving sets for intravenous infusions were not available on Dryad Ward.

Bags of Saline/5% Dextrose for intravenous infusions were not available on Dryad Ward, we did not give I/V drugs on that ward.

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Oxygen was available but could only be given with a Dr's input. A support worker once got into trouble for administering it without Dr's permission.

An ECG machine was available in 'Outpatient's' not on the ward.

Blood transfusions were not given on Dryad Ward, I am not sure if they were available on the GP Ward.

Intravenous Antibiotics were not given at GWMH to my knowledge.

GWMH was not set up to cope with all common medical emergencies that may develop in patients. We administered mouth to mouth resuscitation only. Any other emergencies the patient would be conveyed to Queen Alexandra Hospital by ambulance.

This was possible round the clock, seven days a week.

There were no guidelines in respect of the types of medical problems for which patients would be transferred from GWMH back to QAH. The protocol would be to call and speak with the Doctor.

A Dr or Nurse would receive notification of blood test results on the ward as follows; if it was urgent then the results would be telephoned to the ward by the laboratory. Otherwise the results would be sent by post from the lab. Shirley Hallmann

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