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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: PETERS, EWENDA JAY

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

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:

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Date: 13/09/2005

I am Doctor Ewenda Jay PETERS and am employed as a General Practitioner at the Forton Medical Centre, Whites Place, Gosport, Hants PO123JP.

I hold a full registration with the General Medical Council, granted in 1978, the number being 2395250.

The date of my JCPTGP which is my GP's training qualification is 1982 and the date of my appointment to that of General Practitioner in Hampshire.

I obtained my London Royal College of Physicians (LRCP) and MRCS, meaning I am qualified to be a doctor, in 1977. In that year I also qualified as a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery. I also gained a DRGOG (London) another medical qualification in 1981.

I became a Member of the Royal College of Medical Practitioners (London) in 1987.

I have shared the practice which I am still at, along with other doctors, including Dr Jane BARTON.

Between 1995 and 2000 I was employed as a Clinical Assistant at the Royal Hospital Haslar, Gosport, Hants.

I started at my practise on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1982.

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I have been shown the GP medical records of Elsie LAVENDER, exhibit TAS/3, a patient at the practise. By referring to the notes I can say that she was first seen at Forton Medical Centre on 24/3/82 with low blood sugar.

The first record of her being a diabetic was on 7/8/46.

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I first saw Elsie on 14/4/82. She had recently been in Haslar Hospital on 26/3/82 with a hypo attack which meant her blood sugar had gone low and she had fallen unconscious. I took her medical history and checked her urine and then gave her a repeat prescription for paracetamol and insulin for her diabetes.

Diabetes is disease which affects the whole body. It affects small blood vessel which can affect every organ of the body.

In Elsie's case it affected her eyes and heart.

I saw her regularly until she was admitted to hospital prior to her death in 1996.

Her medical condition was kept generally under control, however as the years progressed she deteriorated with age. She was also very overweight, which did not help.

With regards to her heart these went back to January 1985 when she had an irregular heartbeat and mild heart failure. She was given Digoxin and a diuretic to combat it.

In 1983 she was short of breath, had an irregular heartbeat. I gave her Frusemide at that time which is a diuretic which I changed to Frumil two weeks later, which balances potassium levels in the body.

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In 1992 she had swelling of her ankles and I increased her Frumil from one to two a day. This again was due to her heart failure. This was a condition she had until she died in combination with diabetes.

Elsie suffered a haemorrhage in her left eye in 1968 as a result of diabetic eye disease and followed up in the eye clinic after that.

She had a cataract extraction in 1985.

Throughout this time she regularly attended the diabetes clinic.

In 1988 her vision had deteriorated and she was put on the blind register.

In 1991 she was admitted to Haslar Hospital with a chest infection.

In 1995 she had chronic bronchitis. She was on strong steroid inhalers to combat that.

On 6/2/96 she was admitted to Haslar Hospital with a stroke. She was immobile, diabetic, blind and had an irregular heart.

She was transferred on 25/2/96 to Daedalus Ward Gosport War Memorial for long term care. She had multiple bruises following a fall on 5/2/96. She died on 6/3/96 on Daedalus Ward.

Digoxin is a drug which regulates irregular heartbeat.

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