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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: WEBB, VALERIE ANN

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

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: V A WEBB

Date: 15/08/2003

I live at the address known to the police. I am currently employed as a Senior Staff Nurse on Sultan Ward at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital, Bury Road, Gosport.

I qualified as an RGN in 1981 and I joined the staff at the GWMH in 1989 as a Staff Nurse. I worked night duties and as such I was required to go to any of the wards where a trained member of staff was required to double check and administer prescribed drugs. I have attended all of the following wards in order to do so. The male and female wards, Northcote Annex, Redcliffe Annex and Sultan Ward.

When the new hospital opened the system remained the same and a couple of years later I was assigned a ward and I have remained there ever since, this being Sultan Ward.

I remember that at Redcliffe Annex there was a practise of pre-prescribing syringe drivers and diamorphine in case they, the patient, became in need of stronger pain relief during the night.

I didn't like this practise and I never set up a syringe driver at Redcliffe Annex to the best of my recollection. I know that this practise wasn't a general method of prescribing on the other wards.

I received training in the use of syringe drivers whilst at the hospital, I cannot remember if I set up a syringe driver prior to receiving my training.

I am aware of the police enquiry as I am still working at the hospital. I am aware of the internal

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enquiry but I didn't take part in it.

I wouldn't use any equipment if I didn't know to use it and if I wasn't happy about any medication I would have challenged it at the time.

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