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I live at the above address shown overleaf.

I am currently employed by the Fareham and Gosport Primary Care Trust /L102 , as a Risk Adviser and Facilitator, a position I took up on 1st April 2002 (01/04/2002).

I am a R.G.N., qualifying in 1960 and I have worked within the Health Service throughout the south of England and abroad. I retired from full time nursing in 2000 but continued in my role as Risk Adviser/Facilitator on a part time basis.

I am a Steward for the Royal College of Nursing and I advise and support colleagues in the RCN in an official capacity.

In 1978 I joined the Gosport War Memorial Hospital /C35 as a Senior Staff Nurse, grade F, in the minor injuries department. Due to some management issues I became actively involved in the RCN and subsequently a Steward shortly afterwards.

When I arrived at the GWMH it was an old building and had off site annexes for some of its patients, one of these being The Redcliffe Annex which was a geriatric unit, housing patients who had suffered strokes or required looking after on a long term basis.

Around 1993/1994 Redcliffe Annex patients were moved to the main hospital and were placed in Dryad Ward. The staff who had worked in the Redcliffe Annex moved with them.

Redcliffe Annex was renamed Redcliffe House and its patients came from Knowledge /L240 and Coldeast Hospitals /L674 .

In 1994 the GWMH ceased to come under the administration of the Portsmouth and South East Health Authority and came under new management in the Portsmouth Health Care NHS Trust. I found the new managers approachable and accessible; they promoted an open culture and welcomed the observations of all of the Unions who represented staff at the GWMH.

I have been asked if I was approached in any capacity by members of staff, in relation to syringe drivers and the use of diamorphine.

I was first approached in relation to these issues in 1998 when seventeen RCN members sought representation in relation to an enquiry involving a previous patient, Mrs RICHARDS /N1 .

As duty sister for the hospital, normally on my weekend shifts, I had access to the hospital keys.

I was aware that there were syringe drivers in the hospital because some were kept in the storeroom and occasionally I would be asked for the keys to the store in order for a syringe driver to be removed.

I have been asked if I ever attended the Redcliffe Annex as the duty sister. I never went down to the Redcliffe Annex, as this would have left the Casualty Department unsupervised.

I have been asked if I received any training in their use whilst at the GWMH. I did not. This was because I did not use them during the course of my work. I had the initial training in their use when I was qualifying but as I worked entirely within the A & E Department, I had no cause to use them, Syringe drivers were not used to administer pain relief in my department, any diamorphine given, would have been via an ordinary syringe.

I have been asked about documents relating to the use of syringe drivers and diamorphine at the GWMH in 1991.

I first became aware of their existence on 17th September 2002 (17/09/2002). I received a telephone call late in the evening from Jane PARVIN /N138, the Personnel Director of the Fareham and Gosport Primary Care Trust, inviting me to a meeting the following day which would be highly sensitive, I noted the conversation directly afterwards (BW/1/X147). & nbsp; I then contacted Steve BARNES /N130, a senior RCN Officer, and informed him of the conversation and meeting.

At 1030 hrs on Wednesday 18th September 2002 (18/09/2002) I attended a meeting with Jane PARVIN, Toni SCAMMELL /N138, Anita TUBBITT /N7 and Beverley TURNBALL /N6. Anita and Beverley are Staff Nurses at the GWMH.

I spoke briefly to Anita and Beverley prior to going into the meeting to offer my services as a RCN Steward.

Details of the meeting were kept by Toni SCAMMELL. I have received a copy of these minutes and confirm that they are an accurate record. I made my own notes of the meeting (BW/2/X148) which I typed up afterwards (BW/3/X149).

A number of documents were discussed and a copy of these documents were made. Anita, Beverley and I were given copies of these documents and this was the first time I had seen them.

I made a note of the documents given by Anita TUBBITT to Jane PARVIN (BW/4/X150).

On 7th October 2002 (07/10/2002) I visited Sylvia GIFFIN /N22 at her home. I went to give her the legal representation form required by the RCN. Sylvia gave me a number of documents, some of which appeared to be copies of the documents given to Jane PARVIN by Anita and Beverley.

I took copies leaving the originals with Sylvia and handed the copies to DC Kate ROBINSON /N236 later that afternoon.

I am aware of the publicity surrounding the GWMH and certain members of its medical staff.

I would like to say that during my time of employment at the GWMH I have had contact with Dr Jane BARTON /N34 on a regular basis. I have always found her to be very accommodating and very nice to the patients I have seen her with. I have always found her to be approachable, humorous, friendly and very professional.

I have worked on a number of occasions with Dr LORD /N68. I would describe her as being one of the most professional Consultants I have ever worked with. I have always found her to be extremely knowledgeable and friendly. She is extremely caring to both her patients and her staff.