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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: FORFAR, JOAN DOROTHY

Age if under 18: OVER 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: RETIRED NURSING AUXILLIARY

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: J FORFAR

Date: 24/04/2003

I am the above named person and I live at the address overleaf.

Between 1976 and 1994 I worked as a nursing auxiliary at the GWMH. I have no formal nursing qualifications. I worked on the Redcliffe Annex feeding and looking after the patients. I thought the care of patients was fine.

I recall the use of syringe drivers but had no dealings with them. I did think they were being used too soon on some of the patients. It seemed to me that patients were put on them just because they moaned and groaned. Patients who went onto a driver would go into a coma and die between a day - two weeks later. I was not the only person who had concerns, other people who were worried about syringe drivers included SN Christine EVANS , SN Sylvia GIFFIN , SN Lynn BARRETT , SN Bett WILLIAMS , Auxiliary Joyce TEE , Auxiliary Pauline ABBOTT . I heard all of these people and other staff express concerns about the use of syringe drivers.

When I first worked at the Redcliffe the patients GP's would come in. However after a period of time the only Dr who would visit would be Dr BARTON . I do not feel able to give an opinion of what sort of doctor Dr BARTON was. If I spoke to Dr BARTON she would be quite polite.

To date the only knowledge I have of any investigations at the GWMH has come from the local paper.

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