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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: LORD, ALTHEA EVERESTA GERADETTE

Age if under 18: OVER 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: CONSULTANT GERIATRICIAN

This statement (consisting of 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: ALORD

Date: 12/10/2005

I am employed by the East Hants Primary Care Trust as a Community Geriatrician for Fareham and Gosport Primary Care Trust. I have held this position since the 21st June 2004 (21/06/2004).

In 1978 I graduated from the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Sri Lanka, Colombo. I obtained an MB which is a Bachelor of Medicine and a BS which is a Bachelor of Surgery.

In 1983 I obtained a post graduate qualification as a Doctor of Medicine at the University of Sri Lanka.

I have worked at the General Hospital, Colombo as a Senior House Officer and a Registrar in General Medicine up to May 1984.

From May 1984 I was employed as a Registrar in Nephrology under the supervision of Professor H A LEE at the Renal Unit at St Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth, I held this position until October 1985.

Between October 1985 and September 1988 I was employed as a Registrar in Geriatric Medicine at St Mary's and Queen Alexandra Hospitals, Portsmouth.

From October 1988 to March 1992 I was employed as a Senior Registrar on a rotation between Southampton and Portsmouth Hospitals.

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From the 31st March 1992 (31/03/1992) until June 2004 I was employed as a Consultant Geriatrician for the Department of Medicine for older people in Portsmouth. During this period I worked at Queen Alexandra, St Mary's and Gosport War Memorial Hospitals.

In 1997 I obtained a F.R.C.P which is the Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians.

My General Medical Council Registration Number is **Code A**

In 1998, I was a consultant geriatrician. My responsibilities included, In Patients at Queen Alexandra Hospital, Daedalus Ward at Gosport War Memorial Hospital, Kingsclere Rehabilitation Ward at St. Mary's Hospital. I also conducted a day hospital session at the Amulree Day Hospital located at St. Mary's Hospital and Dolphin Day Hospital at the Gosport War Memorial. The sessions alternated every week.

I also held an out patient sessions weekly at St. Mary's Hospital. On the 1st, 3rd and 5th weeks I held sessions at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

I was the Consultant for all these patients who required specialist care for their physical health. All these patients would have been over the age of 65 years.

Firstly I must explain where other departments require an assessment and believe the patient's physical condition requires specialist geriatric assessment a referral is made to the Department of Medicine for Older People.

Further to my statement of 13/05/2005 in relation to the patient Arthur CUNNINGHAM b.

Code A I have been shown the statement of Gill HAMBLIN dated 10/06/2005.

I have been asked to comment as to whether I consulted with Dr BARTON on the 21/9/98 when Arthur CUNNINGHAM was transferred from Dolphin Day hospital to Dryad ward at Gosport War Memorial.

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I do not recollect having a conversation with Dr BARTON concerning Mr CUNNINGHAM's medication, condition or ongoing care.

My entry in the clinical notes (exhibit BJC/15) of the 21/9/98 sets out my advice to the medical and nursing staff on Dryad ward as to Mr CUNNINGHAM's care.

It was unusual at that time to admit patients direct from the community to Gosport War Memorial hospital.

In such circumstances it would be my normal practice to phone or talk with Dr BARTON about the admission.

I did not see Arthur CUNNINGHAM again after his admission to Dryad ward on the 21/09/05.

It is my normal practice when conducting a ward round to review patient's medical condition and treatment.

There is nothing else written within the medical records (exhibit BJC/15) to indicate that I have seen the patient Arthur CUNNINGHAM.

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