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I am Doctor Tanya Georgina CRANFIELD and I reside at the address overleaf. I am the Senior Clinician of the Haematology Department, Michael Darmady Laboratory, Queen Alexandra Hospital, Cosham, Portsmouth .

I am a Consultant Haematologist and have been in post at the Queen Alexandra Hospital since March 1994.

In my post I have clinical responsibilities which include investigation, diagnosis, management and treatment of patients with haematological disorders (blood diseases) in out patient, day unit and in patient settings.

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My laboratory duties include laboratory management, bone marrow sampling and data interpretation of the various tests carried out by the laboratory and communicating the results to the requesting clinicians.

I also provide advice in relation to the treatment of blood and bone marrow disorders. This would normally result in the patient being brought under the care of the haematology clinical team.

The clinical team comprises of 4 other consultants, 2 x registrars, 2 x ward based senior house officers and specialised nursing staff covering the Haematology Ward and day units.

The laboratory staff comprises of biomedical scientists and laboratory assistants at 2 sites.

I have been asked to detail my involvement in the care and treatment of Mrs Elsie DEVINE .

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The referral was made in the form of a letter typed on 19<sup>th</sup> April 1999 (19/04/1999). I have been shown a copy of this letter which is produced as exhibit BJC/16/PG/88&89 and BJC/16/PG/90&91. The letter consists of two pages. The first page (page 88) has been marked in manuscript:

'Thur 13/5 9.15'

'New Patient Soon'

Certain parts of the letter have been underlined.

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The underlining and note of 'New Patient Soon' are markings made by me.

The note of 'Thur 13/5, 9.15' is a note made by one of the secretary's in the office and is the date of an appointment sent to Mrs DEVINE to attend the Haematology Clinic at the Queen Alexandra Hospital.

Dr LOGAN's letter, in short, details his findings so far, as a result of tests carried out, to date, on Mrs DEVINE. At the end of the letter at page 88 Dr LOGAN states:-

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A copy of this appointment letter is exhibit BJC/16/PG/78&79.

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 1999 (13/05/1999) Mrs DEVINE attended the Haematology Clinic at Queen Alexandra Hospital together with her daughter.

At the time I had a tendency to make my record of a visit of a patient in the form of a letter which I dictated at the time. This would then form part of the patients medical record. This creates a more legible and fuller record.

On 13<sup>th</sup> May 1999 (13/05/1999) I have made a note on the medical record of Elsie DEVINE. I have been shown exhibit BJC/16/PG/142&143 and can confirm that a note dated 13/5/1999 (13/05/1999) that appears at the foot of page 143 was written by me.

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I have been asked to explain in 'laymen's' terms the meaning of my notes of 13<sup>th</sup> May 1999 (13/05/1999) and my letter of the same date:-

On 13<sup>th</sup> May 1999 (13/05/1999) I saw Mrs DEVINE at the Haematology Clinic at the Queen Alexandra Hospital.

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A note has been made dated 27/5/99 (27/05/1999) on page 150. This note I recognise as mine and reads as follows:-

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ROCHESTER - FROM  
LIVE 050309

MIR169

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'27<sup>th</sup> May 1999 (27/05/1999), phone call from daughter Mrs REAVES 01329846744. Unable to attend clinic (car broke down on motorway).

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Dr Judith STEVENS is a Consultant Renal Physician at the Wessex Renal and Transplant Unit.

It is often the case that patients and relatives on receiving the news that they or someone close to them is not suffering from a form of cancer are so relieved that they haven't got an illness that they perceive as being fatal, they forget that they are still potentially very ill.

The remainder of my note of 13<sup>th</sup> May 1999 (13/05/1999) are rough notes, which are a summary of relevant results obtained to date. I have numbered these notes for ease of reference when giving my explanation of them.

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'Congo Red' is a stain which will show the presence of Amyloid in a bone marrow sample.

I have been shown a document bearing the exhibit reference BJC/16/PG/62&63. This document is a letter dictated then, signed by me on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1999 (02/06/1999).

The letter is a referral of Elsie DEVINE to Dr Judith STEVENS, Consultant Renal Physician at the Wessex Renal and Transplant Unit at St Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth.

This letter in the course of referring Mrs DEVINE to Dr STEVENS details the diagnosis of Nephrotic Syndrome and IgA Lambda Paraprotein and then gives the results of tests carried out so far including the initial results of the bone marrow tests.

The fourth paragraph of my letter reads as follows:-

'As discussed by phone, I do not feel there is sufficient criteria to treat Myeloma, although I would be willing to offer chemotherapy if you felt the Paraprotein was directly related to her renal damage.

Failing that steroids might benefit both her Nephrotic Syndrome and her Paraprotein'.

It is apparent from this paragraph that prior to writing this letter I had discussed Mrs DEVINE's case with Dr STEVENS. The tests carried out so far on Mrs DEVINE's bone marrow showed insufficient evidence for the diagnosis of 'Myeloma' or 'Lymphoma'.

Dr STEVENS is a 'kidney' expert therefore as Mrs DEVINE's problems appeared to be caused by a problem with her kidneys I was referring Mrs DEVINE for her 'expert' opinion as to the cause of her illness.

At the same time the letter indicates that I would be willing to offer 'Chemotherapy' treatment if Dr STEVENS felt that was appropriate and also suggesting the use of steroids.

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The decision for the use of either of these courses of treatment I was referring to Dr STEVENS as the 'Kidney Expert'.

The use of 'chemotherapy' and 'steroids' are both regarded as 'aggressive' forms of treatment of a condition and are therefore NOT forms of treatment embarked on lightly particularly in a patient of 87 years of age.

'Chemotherapy' refers to the use of potentially toxic drugs used mainly in the treatment of malignant disorders (cancer). One of the possible side effects of the use of 'chemotherapy' is a weakening of the body's immune system.

'Steroids' in this context refers to a group of drugs which act as powerful anti-inflammatory agents and which suppress the immune system. They can be used to treat 'malignancies' arising from cells of the 'immune system'. This letter has as short manuscript note 'Has appointment for next week'.

This note would be a reference to Mrs DEVINE's appointment with Dr STEVENS unit.

I have been shown a document bearing the exhibit reference: BJC/16/PG/64&65. This document is a letter dictated then signed by me on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1999 (02/06/1999). The letter is addressed to Dr LOGAN in Elderly Medicine Department, Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth and was copied to Dr Judith STEVENS at the Renal Unit and to Dr P SMITH, Elsie DEVINE's GP at Fareham Health Centre.

The copy I have been shown was the copy sent to Dr STEVENS as:-

'Dear Bob' has been crossed and 'Dear Judith for info' inserted by me in manuscript.

This letter would have been sent to Dr STEVENS together with exhibit BJC/16/PG/62&63.

The content of BJC/16/PG/64&65 is the results of all the tests carried out on Elsie DEVINE to date including the bone marrow test arranged by me.

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The third paragraph of the letter ends with the sentence:-

'There is insufficient evidence for the diagnosis of Myeloma or Lymphoma.

In very simple terms this means that there was insufficient evidence from the tests carried out to diagnose either cancer of the white blood cells or cancer of the lymph tissue.

The fourth paragraph of the letter discusses 'Amyloidosis' as a possible cause of Mrs DEVINE's Nephrotic Syndrome and that I had sent the bone marrow sample obtained from Mrs DEVINE for further testing namely 'Congo Red Staining'.

The fifth paragraph of this letter further states my reluctance to offer aggressive treatment such as chemotherapy and/or steroids to an elderly lady with a deteriorating kidney function when it was not clear what the cause of this was I mention in my letter the referral to Dr STEVENS of the Renal Unit.

The final two lines of the letter are self explanatory.

'I have arranged to see her again in two months with blood tests prior to monitor her Paraprotein. I am happy to see her earlier if need be'.

I have been shown a document bearing the exhibit reference BJC/16/PG/66&67. This document is a letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1999 (02/06/1999) sent to Mrs Elsie DEVINE at her home address giving her an appointment for the Haematology Out Patient Clinic at the Queen Alexandra Hospital at 0950 hours on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 1999 (28/07/1999).

The letter asks Mrs DEVINE to submit to blood tests 10 days prior to the appointment in order that the results of the blood tests could be reviewed at her appointment.

The purpose of this was to monitor Mrs DEVINE's 'Paraprotein' as detailed in my letter to Dr LOGAN.

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I have been shown a document bearing the exhibit reference BJC/16/PG/60&61. This document is a letter sent to me by Dr Judith STEVENS of the Wessex Renal and Transplant Unit.

The letter is a response to my referral of Elsie DEVINE to her unit. The date Mrs DEVINE was seen by Dr STEVENS is the clinic date which is shown as being 8<sup>th</sup> June 1999 (08/06/1999).

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I have not seen any notes of Mrs DEVINE's attendance of the clinic that day. It is likely that I made no note on the medical record at the time but dictated this letter immediately after seeing Mrs DEVINE and before seeing another patient. The letter would then form my note on the medical record. Mrs DEVINE had submitted to blood tests prior to attending the clinic and the results of this are included in the letter.

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Mrs DEVINE was due to attend the Haematology Clinic at the Queen Alexandra Hospital at some time during September 1999. It would appear that Mrs DEVINE did not attend that appointment. I have been shown a document bearing the exhibit reference BJC/16/PG/44&45. This is a letter to Mrs DEVINE at her home address giving her a new appointment for the Haematology Clinic on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 1999 (20/10/1999) at 1030 am.

The letter notes that Mrs DEVINE had been unable to attend the clinic 'recently'. This letter is dated 1<sup>st</sup> October 1999 (01/10/1999).

The last occasion on which I had any direct dealings with Mrs Elsie DEVINE was on 28<sup>th</sup> July 1999 (28/07/1999).

I have been informed that Mrs DEVINE was admitted to the Queen Alexandra Hospital on 9<sup>th</sup> October 1999 (09/10/1999) that she was subsequently transferred to Gosport War Memorial Hospital where she died on 21<sup>st</sup> November 1999 (21/11/1999).

I have been asked to give a 'prognosis' of Mrs DEVINE's condition.

A prognosis is a forecast as to the probable outcome of an attack of disease and/or the prospect as to recovery from a disease as indicated by the nature and symptoms of the case.

I first wish to state that it would be more the field of Dr Judith STEVENS as a Consultant Renal Physician to provide a prognosis in Mrs DEVINE's case as this is the field in which Mrs DEVINE's illness falls.

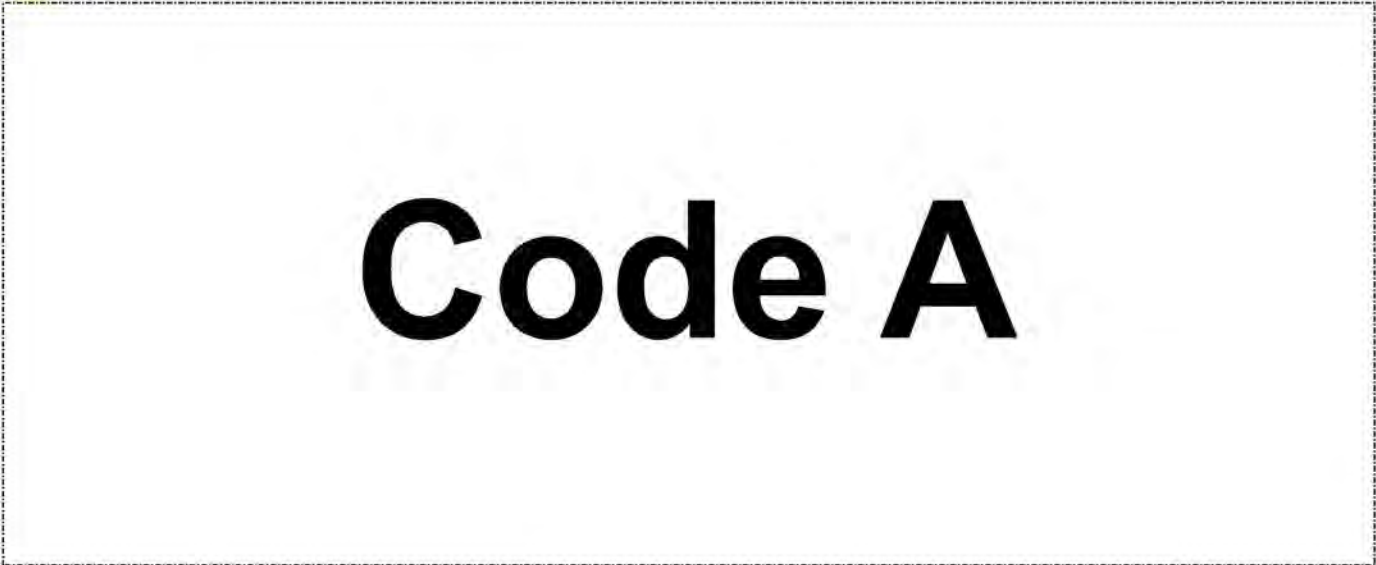
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Signature witnessed by:

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