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Surname: BELL

Forenames: ELIZABETH JANE

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I am the above named person and reside at an address known to the Hampshire Constabulary.

I am a state enrolled nurse. I qualified as a nurse in September 1980. I received my training which was a 2 year course at the West Cumberland Hospital, situated in Whitehaven, in Cumbria .

As soon as I qualified as a state enrolled nurse in 1980 I moved address to London. I then worked at Guy's Hospital in London. Whilst I was working at Guys I covered the night shift at a variety of wards. I also worked at Lewisham Hospital , Lewisham, South East London.

At Lewisham Hospital I worked for approximately 3 months predominantly on the children's ward.

I believe it was in May or June of 1981 that my husband and I moved to live in Gosport, Hampshire.

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I believe it was at the end of 1981 that I commenced work at the Home of Comfort situated in Southsea, Hampshire. I worked at this home (which cared for elderly people) for approximately 12 months.

Between 1982 and 1987 I was not employed being fully occupied with being a housewife and mother to my children.

I can remember returning back to work as a SEN at the Crescent Rest Home , The Crescent, Gosport. I only worked part time in the evenings looking after the elderly patients who were resident at the home. My duties involved administering prescribed drugs to the residents at the home, which had been prepared by the staff nurse at the home. I was involved in the general care of the resident giving help where needed. I believe I worked at the Crescent Rest Home between 1986 to 1987.

After my second child was born in 1987 I then worked as a nursing auxiliary obtaining employment through the Crown Nursing Agency , which was based at Lee-on-Solent, Hampshire.

As far as I am able to recollect I worked as an auxiliary nurse for a period of 2 years. I only worked at limited times when my husband was working at home.

I worked part time at the Langdale Nursing Home in The Avenue, Gosport as a carer of elderly residents.

During the period from 1980 up to date I have always maintained my nursing qualifications, which are renewed every 3 years.

In January 1996 I went to work as carer (now called Health Support Worker) at the Dryad Ward, Gosport War Memorial Hospital , Bury Road, Gosport. Initially I worked between 10am (1000) to 2pm (1400). I then increased my hours to 30 hours a week. My duties at this time involved looking after the elderly patients who required continuing care, ie, general everyday personal care.

I believe it was during May 1998 that I then started working on the Dryad Ward as a State Enrolled Nurse. For the first 3 months I was working alongside my mentor, Staff Nurse Freda SHAW .

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During this period of time I undertook refresher training in the use of administering drugs including controlled drugs, to the patients on Dryad Ward. The drugs were kept in a secure trolley. The controlled drugs were stored within two secure cupboards. I also received refresher training in the use of dressings which are applied to patients.

I was also given training on peg feeds that is where patients who cannot swallow/eat food are given a form of liquid food directly into stomach.

My duties at this time involved looking after approximately 4 carers on the ward ensuring that the patients were properly cared for. I was responsible for the daily routine care which includes administering drugs to the patients, clinical dressings, assisting in the feeding of patients, assisting relatives who visited their relatives in the ward. I also assisted in feeding patients where necessary.

I was responsible for appraising the Staff Nurse with any problems on the ward during my tour of duty.

My duties were between 7.30 (0730) to 1.30pm (1330) and 2.15pm (1415) and 8.30pm (2030).

My manager at that time in 1998 was Gill HAMBLIN who was Sister of the Ward (now called Clinical Managers).

I am not sure of the date but I believe it was in 1999 myself and other members of staff received training at the QA Hospital relating to the use of syringe drivers. The training covered how to set up a syringe driver.

A syringe driver would be set up by two qualified nurses which was only on a doctors instructions.

I have been asked to detail my involvement in the care and treatment of Elsie DEVINE. From memory and referral to entries in her medical notes, exhibit reference BJC/16/PG/184, I did not write the entries on this page of Elsie DEVINE's care plan.

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I have been shown BJC/16/PG/185 there is an entry dated 2/11/99 (02/11/1999) showing nothing recorded other than my signature. As far as I can recollect this entry would refer to giving Elsie DEVINE a general bath.

I have been shown exhibit BJC/16/PG/186/187 I have no knowledge of this business card with writing on the back. I have been shown exhibit BJC/16/188/189 I am able to confirm that I did not write any of the entries on this nursing care plan relating to Elsie DEVINE.

I have been shown exhibit BJC/16/188/189. I am able to confirm that I did not write any of the entries on this Nursing Care Plan relating to Elsie DEVINE.

I have been shown exhibit BJC/16/190/191 - There are no entries on Page 190 which I have written. I am able to confirm that there are two entries on BJC/16/PG/191 which I have written.

The first entry is dated the 2/11/99 (02/11/1999) B.O loose. This means that Bowels Open and that her stools were loose (ie, I would have been aware that Elsie DEVINE had been to the toilet).

The second entry is dated the 5/11/99 (05/11/1999) B.O reported by patient.

This means Bowels Open which has been verbally given by Elsie DEVINE to myself.

With reference to exhibit BJC/16/PG/184/185 this relates to Elsie DEVINE's personal care plan.

Exhibit BJC/16/PG/190/191 relates to her bowel chart.

I am shown on Elsie DEVINE's personal care plan and her bowel chart as one of her named nurses.

Although I had my name on her chart I had no specific responsibilities for the care of Elsie DEVINE.

My only personal recollection of Elsie DEVINE is one morning when I came on duty at 0730 hrs (I cannot remember the date). I remember her being stood in the corridor of Dryad Ward holding onto

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the rail, she was very aggressive, appeared at risk of falling, either myself or another member of staff tried to persuade to sit in a chair, which she refused.

I can also remember Debbie BARKER (the other named nurse) being dragged by Elsie DEVINE down the corridor. As far as I can remember myself, Staff Nurse BARKER and Gill HAMBLIN and Staff Nurse BARRATT were needed to get Elsie to calm down and persuade her to sit down in the lounge. Although I know this incident took place in the morning I cannot remember which day date this was.

I also remember Elsie being sat in a chair, she had her eyes closed. I sat down next to her holding her hand. Elsie opened her eyes suddenly and said to me "I bet you thought I was asleep" in an aggressive manner. She then dug her nails into my hand.

I think it was Debbie BARKER who took Elsie's hand away from mine.

I cannot remember any other incidents relating to Elsie DEVINE.

I have never administered i/v drugs.

Taken by: E GREENALL DC2434

Signed: E J BELL

Signature witnessed by: E GREENALL

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