

RESTRICTED (when complete)**Witness Statement**

(CJ Act 1967, S.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3)(a) and 5B; MC Rules 1981, r70)

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Statement of NICOLA TOMLIN**Age if under 18** Over 18 **Occupation** NURSING SISTER
(if over 18 insert 'over 18')

This statement (consisting of 3 pages 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 in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Signature: N Tomlin

Date: 21st JUNE 2006Cross if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐ (supply witness details on rear)

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

I am a nurse at Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Royal Hospital and am currently the sister on Ashover Ward. I have held this position for 5 years.

At approximately 1500 hours on Monday 5th June 2006 I was walking past the visitors entrance to the the Coronary Care Unit when I could hear a comotion coming from inside the Unit. I could not see what was happening as the doors are solid with no windows. I could hear that people were shouting at each other but could not make out what was being said. I clearly knew that something was not quite. Due to my concern I went through the staff entrance further down the corridor and made my way through into the main ward area as I reached a (Page 2) 2nd set of double doors that lead through onto the actual unit its self. I was met by a staff nurse k who was trying to restrain a male who was trying to get back into the main unit. He was shouting and being abusive but I cannot recall what he actually said. I took hold of the man and with the help of 2 others held him there. I would describe him as white approx 6' tall in his 30's of large build with short light brown hair.

I remained with the man for a few minutes but then left him the others who were detaining him and went through into the main area of the ward. 1 relative of another patient then held the doors closed to prevent the man returning on the to the ward.

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Continuation of Statement of Nicola TOMLIN

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On the ward I could see that over towards the visitors entrance there were spots of blood on the floor. I could see another male who I would describe as short thin build with bald head arguing with a female who I now believe to be his sister.

She was trying to calm him down saying MUMS TRYING TO GET OUT OF BED TO SEE WHATS GOING ON." The male was replying "HE HAD NO RIGHT TO TELL ME TO SIT DOWN (Page 3) I then asked this male to leave the ward and sit in the visitors area. After some time he agreed and left the main ward area. I then called Security and bleeped other staff to deal with the incident.

At this point things seemed to have calmed down. I now believe that the 2 males were brothers.

From me initially hearing the comotion to leaving, I would say the incident lasted 10 – 15 minutes. I did not see what was happening inside the ward, just what happened afterwards. To my knowledge I do not know any of the people involved and have never seen them before. I was shocked and appalled at the males actions. The coronary care unit is an accute ward for extremely sick people. It has a lot of very expensive and essential equipment in it that was very close to the disturbance. At the time the ward was busy with patients staff and relatives and I feared for theirs and my own safety. I am prepared to attend court if required to do so. N Tomlin

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