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THE LAMPARD INQUIRY

Statement of Beverly Switzer

EXHIBIT TO MY STATEMENT DATED 20.10.2021 REGARDING Mr STEELE
MARKED AS BSS/1

CONFIDENTIAL
WITNESS REPORT REGARDING AN ACCIDENT/UNTOWARD
OCCURRENCE

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Please answer all questions as fully as possible, ensure that only facts are included and not opinions and attach a copy to the incident report. You should carry on to a separate sheet if necessary and all sheets should be numbered and signed.

Your full name:	Name: Mrs Beverly Switzer
Your present post:	Senior health care assistant
Ward/Dept/Unit name:	Peter Bruff
Your contact address & telephone number:	[I/S]

Date & time of the incident	Date: 14 th October 2021 at 07.55hrs Time:
Please state everything you can remember about the incident, eg, where were you? who was involved, what did you see/hear? Was anybody injured? if so who? and what was the nature/extent of the injury? To whom did you report the occurrence? Are you aware of any remedial actions taken? if so what were they? What was the outcome to the best of your knowledge?	On Thursday 14th October on commencement of shift at 07.30hrs complete a preliminary level 2 check via oxyhealth but did not take vitals. I saw Mr Steele laying on his bed whilst the shift was being set up by charge nurse before completing any visual checks, at approximately 07.55hrs whilst completing a visual level 2 observation on patient Adam Steele. I knocked and looked into the room towards Mr Steele's direction. I found Mr Steele to be laying on his back and unresponsive when I called his name. I then entered the room and saw white foam coming from his mouth on his lips and no rising of the chest. I immediately pulled my alarm checked Mr Steele's neck for ligatures, (there was not any), and then pulled Mr Steele onto his left side to allow any fluid to drain from his mouth to enable clearing his airway. <u>He was cold to the touch and I noticed [redacted] he had been incontinent [redacted]</u> <u>[I/S]</u> His eyes were slightly open and Mr Steele remained unresponsive, at this point I opened the door for attending staff and my wording to charge nurse <u>[redacted] [I/S]</u> was "he's gone", grab bag called for and for ambulance to also attend. Charge nurse checked Mr Steels pulse but could not find one. Mr Steele was then placed onto his back and compressions commenced. Defibulator pad placed onto chest. No shock advised, compressions continued. Manual suction machine in place and used by ward manager <u>[redacted] [I/S]</u> then myself and then again by <u>ward manager</u>. At this point I exited the room to wait at the barrier for the ambulance to arrive. Once ambulance staff had arrived and were on scene, I did not return to the room where Mr Steele was as enough staff were in attendance. <i>Please sign and date each individual page of statement</i>

Signature... Mrs B S Switzer Date:.....20/10/2021.....