

CORONERS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1959

VERDICT ON INQUEST

On an inquest taken for our Sovereign Lady the Queen, at COURTHOUSE CRUMLIN ROAD in the County Court Division of BELFAST on TUESDAY the 18TH day of JUNE 1996, [and by adjournment on FRIDAY the 21ST day of JUNE 1996] before me MR J L LECKEY HM Coroner for the district of GREATER BELFAST touching the death of ADAM STRAIN to inquire how, when and where the said ADAM STRAIN came to his death, the following matters were found:

1. Name and surname of deceased: ADAM STRAIN
2. Sex: MALE
3. Date of Death: 28TH NOVEMBER 1995
4. Place of Death: ROYAL BELFAST HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN
5. Usual address (if different from place of death): 20 FIRMOUNT CRESCENT, HOLYWOOD
6. Marital status: SINGLE
7. Date and place of birth: 4TH AUGUST 1991 BELFAST
8. Occupation: SON OF DEBRA STRAIN - ACCOUNTS CLERK
9. Maiden surname: N/A
10. Cause of death:

I(A) CEREBRAL OEDEMA
due to

(B) DILUTIONAL HYPONATRAEMIA AND IMPAIRED CEREBRAL PERFUSION DURING RENAL TRANSPLANT OPERATION FOR CHRONIC RENAL FAILURE (CONGENITAL OBSTRUCTIVE UROPATHY)

Findings:

The onset of cerebral oedema was caused by the acute onset of hyponatraemia from the excess administration of fluids containing only very small amounts of sodium and this was exacerbated by blood loss and possibly the overnight dialysis and the obstruction of the venous drainage to the head.