

CORONERS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1959

Deposition of Witness taken on TUESDAY the 17 FEBRUARY 2004,
at inquest touching the death of LUCY CRAWFORD, before me J L
LECKEY Coroner for the District of GREATER BELFAST
as follows to wit:-

The Deposition of SIOBHAN MacNEILL

of who being sworn upon her oath, saith

At approximately 4.00 am on 13 April 2000 a Staff Nurse from the Children's ward made a request for the drug Annexate, which I brought, prepared and checked with Dr Auterson. I then assisted Staff Nurse T Jones to insert a urinary cathetar. I attended to Lucy's personal hygiene prior to catheterisation. At approximately 4.20am I returned to ward 5 to prepare for Lucy's transfer to Intensive Care Unit, Erne. Lucy arrived to ward 5 at 4.40am with Dr Auterson, Dr O'Donohoe and Staff Nurse T Jones. Dr Auterson commenced Lucy on the Puritain Bennett 7200A Ventilator. I commenced ECG monitoring, applied Blood Pressure Cuff and recorded same. I checked her level of consciousness and recorded her Glasgow Coma Scale. I also checked pupil size and reaction, and applied oxygen saturation probe to Lucy's toe. I monitored and recorded these vital signs during Lucy's stay in Intensive Care, Erne. Dr O'Donohoe prescribed Mannitol 20% (25mls) over 30 minutes. Same was infused same via a syringe pump. Intravenous fluid of normal saline 0.9% was infused via a Buritol Infusor at 30mls/hr. Dr Auterson re-intubated Lucy with a Naso-tracheal tube, and I assisted him with intubation and with insertion of an arterial line, and Nason-gastric tube. Lucy was transferred to the ambulance stretcher in preparation for transfer to the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children using the Children's Ward transport monitor to record ECG, blood pressure and oxygen saturation levels. Ventilation was continued manually by Dr O'Donohoe.

Dr Auterson checked Lucy's condition in the ambulance. Dr O'Donohoe and myself accompanied Lucy and we left the Erne Hospital at 6.30am. During the journey manual ventilation was continued alternating with Dr O'Donohoe and myself. I observed and recorded Lucy's ECG rhythm, blood pressure and oxygen saturation levels throughout the journey. These were recorded on the back of the transfer sheet. During the journey Lucy became hypotensive. Dr O'Donohoe instructed me to infuse Dopamine via syringe pump at 1ml-1.5ml/hr. We arrived at Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children at 8.10am. Lucy was moved from the ambulance to the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit where I gave the Staff Nurse a report on Lucy's condition.

Seobha MacNeil

TAKEN before me this 18 FEBRUARY 2004

M. Kelly

Coroner for the District of Greater Belfast

*Summary: Only the transfer sheet and
charts. Letter accompanied Lucy in the
ambulance.
M. Kelly.*