



The voice of the Public, Patients and Clients

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Memo – Phone Call 23 August 2001:

From Kay Doherty [REDACTED] Calling on behalf of her sister who had a child die on 10 June 2001.

SEM telephoned 9.45pm.

Kay Doherty lives at [REDACTED]

Her sister Mrs Marie Ferguson (and husband Ray) live at [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

The details are –

- Daughter Rachel Ferguson 9 years complained of sore stomach on 7 June
- She was taken to Foyledoc Co-op in Great James Street
- GP suspected appendicitis and arranged admission to Altnagelvin Area Hospital
- Staff in Altnagelvin not sure. She was kept in overnight.
- At 11.00pm Altnagelvin phoned home to advise she was taken to theatre 8 June
- She was back in Ward 6 at 2.00am post surgery 9 June
- Next morning 9 June she was in good form
- After lunch she vomited (blood in vomit) and complained of sore head
- Nursing staff advised it was routine post surgery
- 8.00pm she went to sleep. Parents went home.
- They were home to receive a phone call at 3.40am 10 June to say Rachel had a seizure
- Ray rushed to hospital and witnessed another fit
- Rachel was intubated in ICU? Sodium level low?
- Pupils fixed she was transferred to RBHSC
- At 10 past mid-day 10 June life support was switched off
- A Coroner's Post Mortem was held and brain retained

Note sodium level checks in AAH – 6 hourly in RBHSC.

SEM's advice:-

- Go to Solicitor with allegation of negligence
- Therefore not NHS complaint
- ✓ SEM to draft letter to Professor Crane to request PM report
- ✓ Family request copy of Medical Case Notes

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*Issue of normal complaints advise leaflets inappropriate and
the Ferguson invited to meet with on Monday next. Left to advise*

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