

CORONERS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1959

Deposition of Witness taken on TUESDAY the 17TH DAY OF 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 ENROLLED NURSE TERESA MCCAFFREY of ERNE HOSPITAL, ENNISKILLEN who being sworn upon her oath, saith

My involvement in the care of Lucy Crawford (deceased) was as follows: I met Lucy and her parents following our handover from the day staff. I was giving out the evening suppers at 20.30 hours. I offered Mr and Mrs Crawford a cup of tea and a drink of juice for Lucy. I went on with my trolley to give supper to the rest of the children on the ward. I really had very little to do with Lucy until Mrs Crawford 'buzzed' in cubicle 6 at 02.20 hours. Lucy had a dirty nappy, some had got onto the sheets, so mum changed the nappy and I changed the sheets. The nappy was very foul smelling, the large nappy was very runny and very yellow in colour, it was very offensive. At that Sr Edmundson arrived into Cubicle 6, she commented on the smell, then she spoke to Mrs Crawford. I put the nappy into the sluice room, went and reported the nappy to S/N McManus and she advised me to move Lucy and her mother to a sideward. 02.30 hours I returned to Cubicle 6 and told Mrs Crawford that Lucy would be better off in a sideroom when she had diarrhoea. Mrs Crawford agreed and herself and I moved the cot and Lucy and Intravenous fluids up the corridor to sideward No 10. I moved the bed in the room over, so that I could put the cot into the room. I went back down the ward and brought their belongings. Mum settled Lucy down, then got into bed herself. I assured Mum that we would be popping in and out to check on Lucy through the night, but if she needed us she could 'buzz' and I showed her how to push the buzzer. 02.40 hours I went to the Treatment room, got blue top bottles,

went to the sluice room and scooped faeces from the nappy, then returned to the office to write out my forms. 02.55 hours The buzzer sounded in sideward 10. I went down and met Mrs Crawford in the doorway. "Nurse help Lucy, help Lucy" was her words. Lucy appeared pale and rigid. I took the child and laid her in her cot, I stepped to the doorway and called loudly for S/N McManus, she came immediately followed a couple of minutes later by S/N T Jones. I passed the Oxygen mask to S/N McManus and turned on the Oxygen. I went out of the room and bleeped Dr Malik (SHO) via switchboard, he came promptly. I went back to the room, S/N McManus asked me to go and get rectal Diazepam, this I did. On returning to the room, I helped S/N Jones to remove the bed from the room. I then pushed down the emergency trolley. I reassured the mother. Then Dr O'Donohoe (Consultant on Call) arrived followed approximately 20 minutes later by Dr Auterson. I was sent to the Laboratory with blood. When I returned I was asked to go to Ward 5 for a drug. S/N MacNeill returned to Childrens ward with the drug. When I returned I stayed with the parents outside the corridor outside the room. I also stayed in close proximity to the room to be able to get any further equipment required. 04.40 hours Lucy was moved to Intensive Care Unit. S/N Jones and Doctors accompanied her.

TAKEN before me this 17TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2004

Coroner for the District of Greater Belfast

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