

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* STAFF NURSE BRID SWIFT**

of ERNE HOSPITAL, ENNISKILLEN who being sworn upon her oath, saith

My involvement in the care of Lucy Crawford (deceased) was as follows: 1945 hours – Report – told by S/N McDowell of Lucy Crawford's admission. 2020 hours approximately. I went to treatment room. Inside was S/N M Burns, Dr Malik, Mr and Mrs Crawford and Lucy. I introduced myself to the parents and S/N Burns left. Dr Malik found a small vein in Lucy's left foot and inserted a venflon. He obtained a blood sample and flushed the venflon with Hespal at this time the venflon tissueed it was then removed as it was not acceptable for Intravenous fluids access. I remained in the treatment room with Mrs Crawford and Lucy as Dr Malik went to phone Dr O'Donohoe and asked him to come to the ward. Lucy was given orange juice in a cup, approx 50mls. Lucy passed urine into a specimen bag and a sample was tested by myself which had protein and ketones. The rest of the urine was placed into a white top container and was left ready to be sent to the Lab. I done Lucy's temperature and it was still high so I gave her per rectum paracetamol 120mgs in the presence of her mother. Dr O'Donohoe came to the ward – he requested Elma cream be applied to both of Lucy's hands which I did. While he waited for the cream to work I made up a drink of dioralyte and gave Lucy 100mls which she drank. She asked for her dummy which her mother got her. Dr O'Donohoe then inserted a venflon into Lucy's hand and flushed it with Hespal. I connected the Intravenous line and I was instructed by Dr O'Donohoe to run the fluids at 100mls per hour until Lucy has passed

urine. In the presence of Dr O'Donohoe, Dr Malik, myself, Mrs Crawford and Lucy I connected the line to the drip counter and took Lucy and Mrs Crawford to cubicle 6 Medical side. Lucy vomited *** bile coloured fluid, she remained sleepy but her temperature settled. Mrs Crawford and Lucy's sister then came into the cubicle. This was approximately 2245 hours and after this point I had no direct contact with Lucy. After this time I attended to the other patients on the ward. At approximately 2.45 am I was attending another patient with S/N McManus when Sr Edmundson came onto the ward and came to speak to us in the sideroom. E/N McCaffrey came and told us Lucy had a large bowel motion, S/N McManus, Sr Edmundson and E/N McCaffrey went to assist Lucy and her mother. Lucy was then moved into a side room. At approximately 2.50 am I was still in sideroom when E/N McCaffrey called for help. S/N McManus and S/N Jones went to her assistance. The patient I was with settled so I came out to attend to the other patients. I seen the emergency trolley being pushed down the ward so I followed. As I reached the door of the sideroom Mrs Crawford asked me to phone her husband which I did. I let Mr Crawford and his daughter into the ward. Sr Edmundson also entered the ward and attended the Crawford family. Lucy's sister phoned and later Lucy's grandparents came to the ward. In the meantime I continued to attend the other patients. Lucy's sister felt faint and I took her to the day room and I gave her a glass of water and sat her down by the window. Her grandparents were in attendance. At this point I continued to attend the rest of the ward.

TAKEN before me this 17TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2004

Coroner for the District of Greater Belfast