

STATEMENT RE CONOR MITCHELL DECEASED

DATE OF BIRTH: 12.10.1987

DATE OF DEATH: 12.05.2003

STATEMENT OF RUTH BULLAS

I RUTH BULLAS will say as follows:-

1. I am a Staff Nurse in Craigavon Area Hospital where I have been working for around 12 months. I qualified in nursing in the Philippines in 1991.
2. On 8th May 2003 I was working in the Medical Admissions Unit at Craigavon Area Hospital I admitted Conor to the Unit. I have recorded that he had been referred to Hospital by his GP due to vomiting and decreased oral intake. He had been unwell for 10 days, was not feeding, had decreased fluid intake and increased drowsiness. I have recorded that he had poor colour, had a URTI at the start of his illness for which he was given Penicillin (2 to 3 days previously). He had had a full blood count, U & E, CRP and blood cultures taken in the A & E Department. IV access was on and he was given 220ml of Hartmans Solution at A & E. I took his clinical observations on admission to the Medical Admissions Unit. His temperature was 37.4, pulse 66 beats per minute, blood pressure 96/55 and oxygen saturation 97% on room air. His mother told me that she had noted him spasm on several occasions. I also remember seeing him spasm. It was not a prominent or violent spasm but more of a twitch. At first when I was working with him, I did not observe him spasm but as I worked with him more, I did see him spasm and asked for him to be seen by the SHO, *informed*
3. He had IV fluids of normal saline started 250 ml for 4 hours. He also had IV Ciproxin 200 mg given and voltoral 50 mg PR given. Urine analysis was taken and was found to have "+ protein", "+ blood" and large ketones. A mid-stream urine sample was taken. I have recorded that he was for a chest x-ray and an x-ray of the abdomen. At around 2

pm his venflon extravasiated and Dr Totten was notified. He was notified again at 2.30 pm and at 2.45 pm.

4. The next entry I have made in the records was at 5.30 pm when I recorded that the patient was noted to have further spasms. I remember the spasms at this time were more frequent but they still were not prominent and were more a form of twitching. His clinical observations were taken. His temperature was 37.7, pulse 59, blood pressure 120/64 and his oxygen saturation 99% delivered at 24%. I noted that he had a small rash on his abdomen and thighs and asked for him to be seen by the JHO. He was given Paracetamol PR and oxygen changed to nasal cannula.
5. I had no further involvement in his care.

Signed

.....*Ruth Bullas*.....

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Dated

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