

STATEMENT RE CONOR MITCHELL DECEASED

DATE OF BIRTH: 12.10.1987

DATE OF DEATH: 12.05.2003

STATEMENT OF DR SUZIE BUDD

I DR SUZIE BUDD will say as follows:-

I am a Staff Grade Doctor working in the A & E Department of Craigavon Area Hospital where I have worked for over five years. I was on duty on 8th May 2003 when Conor was brought to A & E by his mother, registration time 10:51 hours. I examined him immediately as he was brought directly into the treatment area. Conor had been referred by his General Practitioner to the RBHSC but his mother had decided to bring him to Craigavon Area Hospital. Conor had a history of cerebral palsy and had apparently been unwell for approximately 10 days with vomiting and poor oral intake. He had become more listless that day.

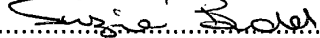
On examination, Conor was pale with signs of dehydration. His mother reported that he was less responsive than normal. There was no sign of meningitis. He was afebrile but haemodynamically stable and breathing spontaneously with normal oxygen saturation on room air.

On examination of his abdomen, there was no local tenderness. Bowel sounds were present.

IV access was obtained and routine blood tests were sent, including blood cultures and a venous blood gas. This demonstrated there was no acidosis and that Conor was not hypoglycaemic.

IV fluids were administered. Paracetamol was given and I recommended intravenous antibiotics but Conor's mother did not consent to these being administered. I explained the need for giving broad spectrum antibiotics and the potential risks of not receiving them at this stage.

I then referred Conor for further management to the Paediatric Team in view of the fact that he had a child like appearance. I was advised that because Conor was aged 15 years, he was not suitable for admission to the Paediatric Ward. I explained this to Conor's mother and admission was arranged via the Medical Team. Conor was transferred to the Medical Admissions Unit and managed by the Medical Team. He left the A & E Department at 12:10 hours. I had no further contact with him after he left the Ward.

Signed 

Suzie Budd

Dated 15.12.03