

STATEMENT RE CONOR MITCHELL DECEASED

DATE OF BIRTH: 12.10.1987

DATE OF DEATH: 12.05.2003

STATEMENT OF DR LINDA JUDITH MCDONALD MBBch BAO MRC Paeds

I DR LINDA JUDITH MCDONALD will say as follows:-

1. I am a Staff Grade in Paediatrics at Craigavon Area Hospital. I was working in Craigavon Paediatric Ward on 9th May 2003. I started work at 9 am that day. I saw Conor Mitchell at 15:40 hours. The ICU staff phoned me on the Ward and asked me to come and see him as they were hoping to transfer him to the Paediatric ICU at the RBHSC. The Consultant there had asked for a paediatric opinion to ascertain if the child was suitable for admission there as he was outside the normal paediatric range which is up to 14 years. I went to ICU where I saw Conor. The Clinicians in ICU advised me that Conor had suffered a respiratory arrest after being admitted with a possible viral illness. There was a possibility he had suffered from a small subarachnoid haemorrhage. He had been ventilated. They advised that his Glasgow Coma Scale had improved from 3 to 6. He was responding to voice by movement. He had a previous medical history of a large porencephalic cyst and had not been attending any clinics in relation to this.
2. I carried out a brief examination of Conor and ascertained that he had quadriplegia and had the body habitus of an eight to nine year old child. He was small, lightweight and because of that, the ICU staff felt he would be managed better in a Paediatric ICU. I spoke to the Consultant at the RBHSC, Tony Chisakuta and explained that the child had a body habitus of

an eight to nine year old. He agreed they would accept him for transfer. I had no further involvement in Conor's care.

Signed Linda McDonald

Linda Judith McDonald

Dated 12th November 2003