

Deposition of *Witness* taken on \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_ (month), \_\_\_\_\_ (year), at inquest touching the death of  
CONOR EDWARD JOHN MITCHELL, before me Mr J LECKEY LL.M.  
Coroner for the District of GREATER BELFAST

as follows to wit: -

*The Deposition of* DAMIEN MULLAN

of

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(Address)

who being sworn upon his \_\_\_\_\_ oath, saith

I have been going out with Joanna Mitchell since late July 2002 and had got to know her son Conor quite well, to the point of being able to understand quite a bit of his communication. On Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2003, I returned from work at Charles Hurst Belfast to go straight away to see Joanna and Conor at Craigavon Area Hospital. Joanna had been in touch with me throughout the day by phone and unfortunately I was unable to get away from work any earlier and arrived at the Medical Admissions Unit around 6 pm. At that time, Joanna was very concerned and Conor was sleeping. A mutual friend of ours, Helen Paul was there on my arrival, but she left shortly afterwards. Joanna's mother, Judy arrived very soon after my arrival. Shortly after my arrival, Conor had what Joanna was sure was an epileptic seizure and I saw a rash on his stomach. I cannot remember the exact sequence of events which was to follow, but I saw at different times a rash appearing over Conor's body and even on his neck and face and head. I was present when a Doctor Murdock was with Conor and also later when a Doctor, who I later found out was Doctor Marian Williams, a paediatric registrar was examining Conor. I clearly remember this female Doctor stating 'This boy is in seizure' and I remember her tone and reaction as if to suggest why is nothing being done about this? Her reaction and Doctor Murdock's reaction in response to her statement has stuck in my mind and I remember thinking that she seemed very very concerned. I stayed with Joanna, Conor and her family until Conor was transferred to the Royal Victoria Hospital, the following day.

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as follows to wit: -

The Deposition of RUTH BULLAS  
of C/O CRAIGAVON AREA HOSPITAL, PORTADOWN (Address)  
who being sworn upon her oath, saith

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. On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 (Urinary Tract Infection) 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 220 ml of Hartmans Solution at A&E. 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. 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 R Trotten was notified. She was notified again at 2.30

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pm and at 2.45 pm. The next entry I have made in the records was 5.30 pm when I recorded that Conor 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. I had no further involvement in his care.

TAKEN before me this                      day of                      (month),                      (year).  
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