

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GREATER BELFAST, 1995

Deposition of Witness taken on _____ the _____ day
of _____ (month), _____ (year), at request 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 BARBARA WILKINSON
of C/O CRAIGAVON AREA HOSPITAL, PORTADOWN (Address)
who being sworn upon her _____ oath, saith

I am a Staff Nurse in Craigavon Area Hospital and started working in the Medical Admissions Unit when it opened on 10th March 2003. I have worked in Craigavon Area Hospital since 1996, since the closure of Banbridge Hospital where I had worked since completing my training in 1968. On Thursday 8th May 2003 I was working during the day. I first saw Conor Mitchell at 6.30 pm. I have recorded that his mother was anxious to speak to Doctor about his spasms and intermittent rash. At 6.35 pm he was seen by Dr Murdock, the Registrar and his family were informed that Conor was suffering from urinary tract infection and dehydration. The urinary tract infection was treated with IV antibiotics and intravenous fluids for dehydration. His ears were examined and nothing abnormal was detected. I have recorded that it appeared that he had "query" bitten his tongue with a sharp tooth. A small amount of dark fluid was noted at the side of his mouth. I have recorded that his family were not happy with the information from Dr Murdock as they felt that Conor was deteriorating and would have liked him to be transferred to the Royal Victoria Hospital. I recorded that Dr Murdock was going to speak to the Consultant on call, Dr McEnaney. At 6.50 pm Dr Murdock spoke to Dr McEnaney and no change was to be made to Conor's medication. The Paediatric Registrar was to assess Conor and he was also to have an urgent portable chest x-ray. This was requested at 7.15 pm. At 7.20 pm the family called me to see Conor. They thought that he had stopped breathing or query had a seizure. At 7.22 pm he was seen by Dr Murdock and his breathing was noted to be satisfactory. His observations were

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stable. At 7.30 pm the portable chest x-ray was satisfactory. His observations were stable. At 7.30 pm the portable chest x-ray was carried out. At 7.40 pm he had IV cyclizine 25 mg administered by Dr Murdock and the chest x-ray was noted to be normal. An ECG was performed which was of poor quality trace but no obvious abnormality was detected. At 8 pm I have recorded that we were still waiting for the Paediatric Registrar to assess Conor. At 8.20 pm I have recorded that he had a seizure. I did not see Conor have a seizure but have recorded what his mother told me. I would have given a hand-over to the night staff between 8.30 pm and 9 pm as I went off duty at 9 pm. I now know that Conor was then transferred to ICU at 11.40 pm that evening.

TAKEN before me this day of (month), (year).
Coroner for the District of