

CORONERS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1959

Deposition of Witness taken on MONDAY the 24th day of MAY 2004, at inquest touching the death of CONOR MITCHELL, before me MR J L LECKEY Coroner for the District of GREATER BELFAST as follows to wit:-

The Deposition of MR P KERR FRCS

of CRAIGAVON AREA HOSPITAL who being sworn upon his oath, saith

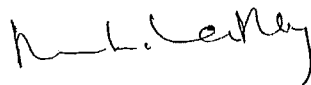
I, Dr Paul Kerr, Consultant in Accident and Emergency Department, was on duty in the A&E Department on 8 May 2003.

I recollect the patient Conor Mitchell and speaking to his mother for a short time, but I was not the Doctor primarily in charge of his management at this time. Sister Campbell asked me to speak to Conor's mother because she felt the cannula in his arm was causing him irritation and should be removed. I said it was very important that the cannula should remain in place.

I witnessed several jerks in the arm, which lasted for a brief time only. I told Conor's mother that I did not feel this was due to the cannula and might be a typical seizure activity. She said she did not think this was like a seizure. I said I thought that this might still be possible even though he had not had previous symptoms like this.

This jerking was brief and did not recur therefore I felt there was no need for treatment at this time. I was reassured that the cannula was working properly and I was not involved in Conor's management thereafter. He was transferred to Medical Admissions Unit (MAU) approximately 10 minutes later.

TAKEN before me this 27th day of MAY 2004



Coroner for the District of Greater Belfast

CORONERS ACT (Northern Ireland), 1959

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before me

Coroner for the District of _____

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Mr. McKillop: Three or four jerks occurring over a period of seconds, it was in my opinion a typical seizure activity. I know Conor was an epileptic, I made a note of what I saw — in retrospect I probably should have.

Mr. Millar: Conor was given 220 mls of Hartmanns calculated by reference to his weight. Up to 12 midday 220 mls were administered. 220/330 ml was a very reasonable amount of fluid at a reasonable rate of delivery; it was an appropriate fluid plan.

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TAKEN before me this 27th day of May 2004

Michael J. Kelly Coroner for the District of *Greater Haverhill*

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CONTINUATION OF DEPOSITION OF MR. P. KERR

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