

Witness Statement Ref. No. 004/3

NAME OF CHILD: Adam Strain

Name: Dr Donagh O'Neill

Title: Consultant Psychiatrist

Present position and institution:

Consultant Psychiatrist, Sligo Mental Health Service

Previous position and institution:

[Since your Witness Statement of 17th April 2011]

Membership of Advisory Panels and Committees:

[Identify by date and title all of those since your Witness Statement of 17th April 2011]

Previous Statements, Depositions and Reports:

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004/1	25.08.05	Inquiry Witness Statement
004/2	17.04.11	Second Inquiry Witness Statement

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS FOR ANSWERING:

Please identify clearly any document to which you refer or rely upon for your answer. If the document has an Inquiry reference number, e.g. Ref: 049-001-001 which is 'Chart No.1 Old Notes', then please provide that number. If the document does not have such a number then please provide a copy of the document.

I QUERIES ARISING OUT OF YOUR SUPPLEMENTAL WITNESS STATEMENT

With reference to your witness statement dated 17th April 2011, please provide clarification and/or further information in respect of the following:

(1) Answer to Question 1(e) at p.3:

"My role as the on call basic grade SHO on the 26th November 1995 was to record the investigation results ordered by the renal team in the medical notes whilst I was on call, for the more senior member of the team to review. I cannot recall the grades of the more senior members of the team who would have made the clinical care decisions about Adam Strain on the night of the 26th November 1995."

(a) Your answer is solely in terms of your 6 months as a paediatric SHO. Please state whether or not you have had any experience in assessing the electrolyte results of a child who was being prepared for a renal transplant outside of those 6 months. If so, please provide the details.

I have not had experience in assessing the electrolyte results of a child who was being prepared for a renal transplant outside of these six months.

(2) Answer to Question 1(f) at p.3:

"As a basic grade SHO I do not recall having any other experience or involvement in preparing patients for renal transplant."

(a) Your answer is solely in terms of your 6 months as a paediatric SHO. Please state whether or not you had any experience, by 26th November 1996 and outside of those 6 months, of preparing patients for paediatric renal transplant. If so, please provide the details.

I have not had any experience of, by 26th November 1995 and outside of these 6 months, of preparing patients for paediatric renal transplant.

(3) Answer to Question 1(g) at p.4:

"Since 27th November 1995 I do not recall having any experience or involvement as a basic grade SHO in preparing paediatric patients for renal transplants."

(a) Your answer is solely in terms of your 6 months as a paediatric SHO. Please state whether

or not you had any experience, since 26th November 1996 and outside of those 6 months, of preparing patients for paediatric renal transplant. If so, please provide the details.

I have not had any experience, since 26th November 1995 and outside of these 6 months of preparing patients for paediatric renal transplant.

(4) Answer to Question 1(h) at p.4:

"As a basic grade SHO on call, my role was to carry out the admitting duties outlined above at the request and under the supervision of the renal team. I do not recall the renal transplant protocol governing my actions."

- (a) State whether a renal transplant protocol existed prior to Adam's transplant surgery. If so, explain how you learned of it.**

I was aware that a renal transplant protocol existed. I cannot recall its contents. I cannot recall how I learned of its existence.

- (b) If a renal transplant protocol did exist prior to Adam's transplant surgery, state whether you were ever provided with a copy of it and if so when.**

I cannot recall receiving a copy of the renal transplant protocol.

- (c) State whether anyone discussed the renal transplant protocol with you in relation to the preparation of Adam for his transplant surgery.**

I cannot recall discussing the renal transplant protocol with anyone.

(5) Answer to Question 1(j) at p.4:

"As a basic grade SHO I do not recall having any role in the fluid management plan. I do not recall attempting to gain i.v. access to Adam after the cannula inserted at 0130 on 27th November 1995 (Ref 057-014-019). I do not recall attempting to gain a further blood sample after the cannula inserted at 0130 on 27th November 1995."

- (a) Explain what you regard as the role of an SHO in implementing a fluid management plan.**

The role of an SHO would have been to act on the instruction of the renal team regarding the implementation of the fluid management plan, including admitting the patient, recording investigation results ordered by the renal team, inserting a cannula for iv fluid line access, erecting iv lines, writing up antibiotics, paracetamol and fluids as prescribed by others etc.

- (b) State whether it would have been your practice to have had pre-operative discussions with the responsible Consultant.**

As an SHO it would have been my practice to have had a pre-operative discussion with the responsible consultant, registrar, and nursing staff.

(c) State what your usual practice would have been if a cannula for which you were responsible had tissued.

My usual practice would have been to resite a tissued cannula at the request of the nursing staff.

(d) If that practice involved seeking help, identify from whom you would have sought assistance i.e.: (i) Registrar; (ii) Consultant; or (iii) someone else and, if so, whom.

I would have sought assistance in the first instance from the registrar.

(6) Answer to Question 3 at p.5:

"I do not recall the fluid management training or record keeping training I received during my undergraduate education at University College Dublin or as a postgraduate or during hospital induction programmes or during continuous professional development."

(a) State whether you received "fluid management training or record keeping training" and cannot now recall it or whether you did not in fact receive training in fluid management and/or record keeping.

I would have received fluid management training and record keeping training as an undergraduate and as a postgraduate. I cannot recall the details of this training.

THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF

Signed: Donagh O'Neill

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donagh O'Neill".

Dated: 04/08/2011