

Witness Statement Ref. No. 005/3

NAME OF CHILD: Adam Strain

Name: Catherine Murphy

Title: Mrs

Present position and institution: None

Previous position and institution:

[Since your Witness Statement of 13th April 2011]

Membership of Advisory Panels and Committees:

[Identify by date and title all of those since your Witness Statement of 13th April 2011]

Previous Statements, Depositions and Reports:

[Identify by date and title all those since your Witness Statement of 13th April 2011]

OFFICIAL USE:

List of previous statements, depositions and reports attached:

Ref:	Date:	
005/1	18.07.2005	Inquiry Witness Statement
093-007	31.01.2006	PSNI Witness Statement
005/2	13.04.2011	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 13th April 2011, please provide clarification and/or further information in respect of the following:

(1) Answer to Question 1(b) at p.2:

"As a Staff nurse on Musgrave Ward prior to 27th November 1995 I would have been involved in the nursing care of children with a wide variety of medical conditions including patients with renal disease. Without having sight of the case notes for all renal patients admitted to Musgrave Ward, I have no specific recollection of how many children I provided nursing care to prior to renal transplant. Nor can I specify my experience of preparing polyuric patients for kidney transplant nor the average number of children aged less than 6 years that I prepared for operation in 1995 or those less than 6 years old that I prepared for transplant before Adam."

(a) State whether you had any experience of a paediatric renal transplant before Adam's surgery

As previously stated as a Staff Nurse on Musgrave Ward prior to 27th November 1995 I would have been involved in the nursing care of children with a wide range of medical conditions including patients with renal disease. With such a long passage of time I can only refer you to the answer given in my previous statement and don't feel that I can add anything more.

(b) Please identify which (if any) of the paediatric renal transplants shown below you were involved in:

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	Belfast City		Royal	
	<14	14- 18	<14	14- 18
1990	6		1	
1991	2		1	
1992	2		1	
1993	3			
1994	4			
1995	2		3	
1996	1	3	5	
1997	1	1	3	

1998			2	1
1999	1		3	
2000			2	2
2001		1		1
2002			3	1
2003			1	1
2004			2	
2005			2	2
2006			1	
2007	1	1	1	1
2008	2	2	2	
2009			1	3
2010			8	3
2011			1	

Without having sight of the case notes for all renal patients admitted to Musgrave Ward, I cannot identify which if any of the renal transplants I was involved in. I have never been employed by The City Hospital and therefore would have to conclude that I had no involvement in any transplants that took place in The City Hospital

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

"My role and responsibilities towards Adam would have been to deliver his nursing care as part of a multidisciplinary team while he was a patient on Musgrave Ward."

(a) Please state what *"deliver[ing] [Adam's] nursing care as part of a multidisciplinary team"* would have entailed.

Delivering Adams nursing care as part of a multidisciplinary team would have entailed the provision of Adams basic care and any he would have been unable to provide for himself during his stay in Musgrave Ward as well as administering prescribed medication and making nursing notes. These are duties that would not have been carried out by another health professional such as doctors, physiotherapists, dieticians, radiographers, surgeons to name just a few.

(3) Answer to Question 2(d) at p.6:

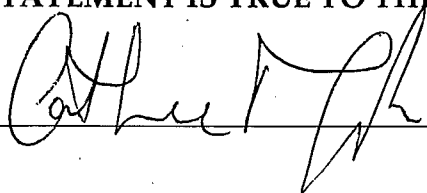
"Due to having no recollection of this I can only assume that Adams clear fluids via his gastrostomy were increased by increasing the rate of flow per hour on the feeding pump and with no reference in the nursing notes as to who informed Dr. O Neill I cannot identify who did inform Dr. O Neill that Adams cannula had tissued. I also cannot identify from consulting the notes who prescribed the clear fluids to be increased to 200mls per hour."

(a) You have not adequately answered the question. Please explain why someone would have informed Dr O'Neill that Adam's cannula had tissued.

Someone would have informed Dr O Neill that Adams cannula had tissued so that Dr O Neill could assess what action was required in relation to Adams fluid management.

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

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Catherine" followed by a stylized last name.

Dated:

2/8/11