

Witness Statement Ref. No. 005/5

NAME OF CHILD: Adam Strain

Name: Catherine Murphy

Title: Mrs

Present position and institution:

No longer nursing

Previous position and institution:

[As at the time of the child's death]

Staff Nurse, Musgrave Ward, Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children

Membership of Advisory Panels and Committees:

[Identify by date and title all of those since your Witness Statement of 17th February 2012]

Previous Statements, Depositions and Reports:

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List of previous statements, depositions and reports:

Ref:	Date:	
WS-005-1	18.07.2005	Inquiry Witness Statement
093-007	31.01.2006	PSNI Witness Statement
WS-005-2	13.04.2011	Second Inquiry Witness Statement
WS-005-3	02.08.2011	Third Inquiry Witness Statement
WS-005-4	17.02.2012	Fourth Inquiry Witness Statement

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS FOR ANSWERING:

Please attach additional sheets if more space is required. 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 an Inquiry reference number, then please provide a copy of the document attached to your statement.

1. ADDITIONAL QUERIES

(1) Please find attached a letter requesting further information dated 1st May 2012 (Ref: AD-0350-12) from Ms Anne Dillon, Solicitor to the Inquiry to Ms Joanna Bolton, DLS, and Ms Bolton's reply dated 3rd May 2012 with attached documents (Ref: 301-135-001). You will note that the attachments include nursing notes in relation to another theatre which was in use at RBHSC on the morning of Adam's surgery. The Inquiry would ask you to look at these nursing notes and answer the following queries arising:

- (a) Please comment on whether the nursing care plans at (REF:301-135-010 to 301-135-012; 301-135-015 to 301-135-017; 301-135-022 to 301-135-024; 301-135-029 to 301-135-031; 301-135-036 to 301-135-038) are in your experience representative of a preoperative nursing care plan in the RBHSC in November 1995.

1)

(A) I have no memory of the preoperative care plans being used in Musgrave Ward, RBHSC in 1995 therefore do not know whether they are representative of preoperative care plans used in RBHSC in 1995.

- (b) The nursing care plans (Ref:301-135-010 to 301-135-012; 301-135-015 to 301-135-017; 301-135-022 to 301-135-024; 301-135-029 to 301-135-031; 301-135-036 to 301-135-038) have typed comments in the 'Problem', 'Goals' and 'Nursing Action' sections and handwritten comments in the 'Evaluation' section. Please state, in relation to November 1995:

- (i) Who was generally responsible for the typed comments
- (ii) Who was generally responsible for the handwritten comments
- (iii) Whether the care plans would be provided to nursing staff with the typed comments already entered
- (iv) How familiar you were with care plans which already had the typed section provided

(B) I cannot state who was responsible for the typed comments

(ii) It would appear that the handwritten comments would have been done by a member of nursing staff.

(iii) Although I couldn't be absolutely certain, I would imagine that the care plans would be provided with the typed comments already entered.

(iv) I have no memory of using pre-typed careplans while working in Musgrave Ward in 1995.

- (c) Please comment on whether the documents entitled "Pre-operative Check List" (Ref: 301-135-013; 301-135-019; 301-135-027; 301-135-033; 301-135-040) are in your experience representative of a preoperative checklist in November 1995.

(C) I have no memory of preoperative checklists being used on Musgrave Ward in 1995 so cannot state whether the checklist provided is representative of a preoperative checklist in November 1995.

- (d) Having examined the documents above, state whether you accept that:
- (i) Pre-operative checklists were used in November 1995
 - (ii) A pro forma document was available in November 1995 for pre-operative checklists

(D)

(i) Having examined the documents I accept that preoperative checklists were used in theatre in 1995.

(ii) Having examined the document I accept that a pro forma document was available in RBHSC in 1995.

- (e) Having examined the documents above, please state whether this affects any of your statements made in oral evidence to the Inquiry:

- (i) "Q. And can you remember whether you drew up the care plan for him on the evening of 26th?"

A. I really can't remember whether I did or not."

(Transcript of 27/04/12, p.13, line 11-13)

- (ii) "Q. Would there be an operation care plan for a patient who was coming in for an operation?"

A. Not that I can remember. I really don't think there was.

Q. At that time?

A. Yes."

(Transcript of 27/04/12, p.15, lines 2-7)

- (iii) "Q. Did you use pre-operative and transplant checklists in 1995?"


A. *I don't think so, no."*

(Transcript of 27/04/12, p.17, lines 10-12)

(E)

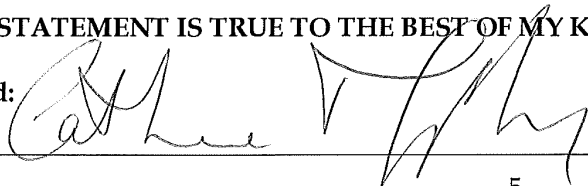
(i) (ii) (iii) Having examined the documents I do not feel that my statements made in oral evidence are in any way affected or altered.

(2) Provide any further points and comments that you wish to make, together with any documents


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

Signed:



Dated:

18/6/12