

Witness Statement Ref. No. 026/1

NAME OF CHILD: Raychel Ferguson**Name: Mary Butler****Title: Dr****Present position and institution:**

GP locum :- mid/north Antrim

Previous position and institution:*[As at the time of the child's death]*

Paediatric Medical SHO Altnagelvin Area Hospital

CV enclosed.

Membership of Advisory Panels and Committees:*[Identify by date and title all of those between January 1995-December 2004]***Previous Statements, Depositions and Reports:***[Identify by date and title all those made in relation to the child's death]***OFFICIAL USE:****List of previous statements, depositions and reports attached:****Ref:****Date:**

Particular areas of interest

[Please attach additional sheets if more space is required]

1. Describe in detail your role in the treatment of Raychel Ferguson on 8th June 2001 to include:
 - (i) the request from S/N Rice to you at 12.10 to prescribe further fluids for Raychel;
 - (ii) what information was given to you in respect of Raychel; and
 - (iii) any inquiries made by you or examination of Raychel carried out by you before the prescription was given.

On 8th June 2001 I was working as a paediatric medical SHO. At some stage on that morning, I cannot recollect precisely when, it would appear from the record 020-019-038, that I was requested by one of the nursing staff to continue prescribing fluids for a child, Raychel Ferguson. If I had been asked to see the child due to any concerns the nursing staff had, I would have examined her. If I had examined her I would have recorded my findings in the clinical records. Therefore if there is no record of me seeing the child in the clinical records that means I did not examine the child on 8th June 2001. I cannot state that the request was made by SN Rice nor can I state that the request was made at 12.10pm. Although I have no recollection of what I was told, I assume that I would have been informed that the child had her appendix out during the night and that she needed continuing fluids. I am not sure if I checked the chart to ascertain what the fluids the child was receiving or whether I was told by the nursing staff. All that can be stated is that on some stage on the morning of the 8th June 2001, I prescribed solution 18, 1 litre to be infused at a rate of 80ml per hour and filled in "1000" under amount, "soln 18" under the type of fluid "80" under rate per hour and signed the chart 020-019-038.

One of the inquiries I probably would have made is to ascertain how long it was after surgery as I would have been concerned if the child had been on fluids for more than 24 hours after surgery. I would also have inquired as to the general condition of the child. I cannot recollect the nursing staff expressing any concerns about the child. If they had done so I would have examined the child. The policy at that time in Altnagelvin Area Hospital was that if paediatric patients needed fluids the fluids prescribed were solution 18. I had no paediatric experience in any other hospital prior to commencing work in Altnagelvin Area Hospital.

Other points you wish to make including additions to any previous Statements, Depositions and or Reports

[Please attach additional sheets if more space is required]

Signed: *Mary Butte.*

Dated: *1st July 2005.*

CURRICULUM VITAE

DR . MARY BUTLER

NAME: Mary Butler

DATE OF BIRTH: [REDACTED]

HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

MOBILE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

E-MAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

GMC NUMBER: [REDACTED]

DRIVING LICENCE: [REDACTED]

Education and Qualifications:

Membership of the Royal College of General Practitioners - June 2002

JCPTGP registration no:- 48831

University College Dublin (1992-1998)

Medical Degree; MB, BCh, BAO

1993	First Year of Medicine Exams (First class honours in Medical Informatics, second class honours in Functional Histology)	PASS
1994	Second Year of Medicine Exams (Second class honours in Histology and Anatomy)	PASS
1995	Third Year of Medicine Exams	PASS
1996	Fourth Year of Medicine Exams	PASS
1997	Fifth Year of Medicine Exams (Medical Ethics Pass with Distinction)	PASS
1997	Final Year of Medicine Exams	PASS
1998	Final Year of Medicine Exams	PASS

EMPLOYMENT

CURRENT

I am currently working as a GP locum in mid/north Antrim Area since February 2003.

PREVIOUS

Aug 2002 – Feb 2003

Obstetrics and Gynaecology SHO

Admission, assessment and treatment of patients and communication with them and their relatives. Attending out patient clinics. Attending Labour Ward. Assisting in Obstetric and Gynaecological surgery.

Aug 2001 – Aug 2002

General Practice Registrar

**Greyfriars Medical Centre
33-37 Castle Street,
Dumfries, Scotland.**

2 Year Training Scheme for General Practice. SHO posts.

Altnagelvin Area Hospital Scheme: -August 1999-2001.

(Dates and outline of duties listed.)

Feb 2001 - Aug 2001

Paediatrics

Admission, assessment and treatment of patients and communication with their families. Attending out patient clinics. Attending Labour Ward for deliveries. Doing the baby checks prior to discharge.

Nov 2000 - Jan 2001

Dermatology / ENT / Ophthalmology

Admission, assessment and treatment of common and emergency conditions. Follow up via Out Patients Clinics. Minor surgical procedures in dermatology.

Aug 2000 - Oct 2000

Psychiatry

Member of Community Mental Health Team. Admission, assessment and treatment of patients. Follow up at Out Patient clinics. Acting in accordance with the Mental Health Order where appropriate.

Feb 2000 – July 2000

Accident & Emergency

**Member of Emergency Response Team.
Minor surgical procedures.
Arranging patient referral and transfer.
Breaking bad news.**

Aug 1999 –Jan 2000

Medicine. (General and Geriatric Medicine)

**Admission, assessment and treatment of patients. Follow up of at Out Patient clinics.
Member of the Mobile Cardiac Unit.
A wide range of practical procedures.
Arranging investigations and patient referral.**

Aug 1998 – July 1999

Medical and Surgical Junior House Officer

Mid Ulster Hospital , Magherafelt

APPRAISAL

GP appraisal annually since April 2004 :- involves providing a commentary on your work, an account of how your work has improved from your last appraisal, making your professional development plan for the next 12 months and reviewing what factors constrain you from achieving this.

AUDITS

**Audit of monitoring patients receiving lithium therapy.
(Initial findings presented to local community mental health team)
Audit of fetal scalp ph monitoring
Audit of screening for microalbuminuria in diabetic patients.
Audit of sore throats in General Practice**

MEMBERSHIPS OF SOCIETIES

**Member Royal College of General Practitioners
Medical Protection Society**

JOURNALS (professional reading)

**British Medical Journal
British Journal of General Practice
Pulse**