

Witness Statement Ref. No.

049/3

**NAME OF CHILD:** RAYCHEL FERGUSON

**Name:** Ann Noble

**Title:** Ms.

**Present position and institution:**

**Previous position and institution:** E Grade Staff Nurse, Altnagelvin Hospital  
*[As at the time of the child's death]*

**Membership of Advisory Panels and Committees:**

*[Identify by date and title all of those since your Witness Statement dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2005]*

**Previous Statements, Depositions and Reports:**

*[Identify by date and title all those made in relation to the child's death since your Witness Statement dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2005]*

**OFFICIAL USE:**

**List of previous statements, depositions and reports attached:**

Ref:	Date:	
049/1	30.06.2005	Inquiry Witness Statement
049/2	22.06.2012	Supplemental 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*

**1. Arising out of the answers which you have provided to question 1 of WS-049/2, please address the following matters:**

- (a) When you qualified as a nurse in 1985, did you qualify as an adult nurse or a children's nurse?  
I qualified as an adult nurse.
- (b) If you did not qualify as a children's nurse in 1985, have you subsequently qualified and registered as a children's nurse? If so, specify the date(s) when you qualified and registered as a children's nurse.  
No.
- (c) Clarify whether you were registered as a children's nurse on 7/8 June 2001.  
No.
- (d) Are you currently registered with the NMC?  
Yes I am Registered with the NMC.

**2. Arising out of the answers which you have provided to questions 8(i) and 8(v) of WS-049/2, wherein you have explained that you believed that Raychel had a Mallory Weiss Tear which could have accounted for the coffee ground vomit, please address the following matters:**

- (a) What factors did you take into account in order to lead you to conclude that Raychel had a Mallory Weiss Tear?

I concluded that maybe Raychel had had a Mallory Weiss Tear due to vomiting and that with not having eaten maybe was dry retching which may be more forceful, and had probably swallowed some blood which later resulted in a coffee ground vomit. I had some experience of this happening to other children post operatively.

- (b) Did you discuss your diagnosis of Mallory Weiss Tear with any nursing colleague or doctor? If so,

- (i) Who did you discuss it with?

I do not recall discussing what I concluded regarding the Mallory Weiss Tear. I did not diagnose it as such and do not recall any conversations with other staff at this time. I may have made a remark to another colleague but do not recall any specific discussions.

- (ii) When did you discuss it?

(iii) What was discussed?

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(iv) What conclusions were reached?

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(v) Was any action taken on foot of any such discussion? If you did not discuss your diagnosis with anyone else please explain your omission to do so.

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(vi) Have you made a reference to your diagnosis of Mallory Weiss tear in any note, record or statement?

I did not make any reference in my nursing notes or my initial statement about a Mallory Weiss Tear. I documented that I personally felt that Raychel had a Mallory Weiss Tear in my written statement reference number 049/2 question 8a(i).

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

Signed:

*Alpha Noble*

Dated:

*14/1/13.*