

NAME OF CHILD: Raychel Ferguson

Name: Sandra Gilchrist

Title: Staff Nurse

Present position and institution:

Registered General Nurse Children Altnagelvin Hospital

Previous position and institution:

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

Registered General Nurse Altnagelvin Hospital

Registered General Nurse – qualified 27/2/87

Chemotherapy study day May 92
CPR Study Day June 1993
Genetic Disorders Study Day Dec 1993
Handling Violence in the Workplace Dec 1993
Paediatric Conference Sept 1994
Pain Conference Nov 1994
N.I Children Order Oct 1995
Children's accidents and the emotional effects Sept 1996
I.V Additives Course Feb 1997
Quality Care for Kids Study Day Oct 1997
Stress Management Workshop Jan 1997
Basic Life Support Training July 1997
Breast Feeding Awareness May 1997
Diabetic Study Day Oct 96 & 2003
Paediatric Resuscitation Aug 1999
Epilepsy Study Day Nov 1998
Asthma Study Day Nov 1998
Paediatric Continence June 1998
Mentorship Training 1999 & 2005
Epilepsy in Children June 1999
Health & Safety at Work Oct 1999
Paediatric Advanced Life Support 2000 & 2004
Complaints Procedures Study Day May 2000
Child Protection Jan 2001 & November 2004
Home Ventilation for children June 2001
Legal Issues in Nursing June 2003
Makathon Vocabulary Development Project Study Day July 2002
Paediatric Resuscitation February 2004, May 2005
Pressure Area Management May 2004
Manual Handling April 2004
SARS Training March 2004

<p>Diploma in Nursing Studies (Children's Nursing) July 2004 Asthma Care in Adults and Children (Module, Level 3 Feb-May 2005)</p>		
<p>Membership of Advisory Panels and Committees: <i>[Identify by date and title all of those between January 1995-December 2004]</i></p> <p>None</p>		
<p>Previous Statements, Depositions and Reports: <i>[Identify by date and title all those made in relation to the child's death]</i></p> <p>Ref :012-004-094 Statement written on 10 June 2001</p> <p>Ref:012-044-212 Deposition at the inquest into the death of Raychel Ferguson</p>		
<p>OFFICIAL USE: List of previous statements, depositions and reports attached:</p>		
Ref:	Date:	
012-004-094	10.06.01	Statement
012-044-212	05.02.03	Deposition at the Inquest into the death of Raychel Ferguson

Particular areas of interest

[Please attach additional sheets if more space is required]

1. Describe in detail your role in the treatment and care of Raychel Ferguson, to include:
 - (i) your concerns and observations in respect of Raychel on the evening of 8th June 2001 and early hours of 9th June 2001;
 - (ii) any conversations you had during that period with medical staff in respect of Raychel; and
 - (iii) any conversations you had with Raychel over the same period .

On the night of the 8 June 2001 I was a staff nurse on duty along with Staff Nurse Anne Noble, Staff Nurse Fiona Bryce and Nursing Auxiliary Elizabeth Lynch on Ward Six in Altnagelvin Area Hospital. After the handover report sometime after eight pm Mr. Ferguson, Raychel's father, asked me to change her bed linen as she had vomited on it. Elizabeth Lynch as far as I can remember, and myself changed the bed. At this time Raychel was sitting on a chair at the side of the bed. I don't recall what conversation took place at this time.

At approximately 21:15 I took and recorded Raychel's observations of pulse, respiratory rate and temperature (See p. 020-018-029). They were unremarkable. At this time she was nauseated and had vomited coffee grounds into a vomit bowl, approximately 150mls (See p. 020-018-037). Her nausea and vomiting subsided shortly after this but about 20-25 minutes later she became nauseated and vomited three small amounts (See P. 020-018-037). I spoke to Mr Ferguson and told him that I would contact the surgical doctor on call. I also spoke to Staff Nurse Anne Noble about contacting the doctor so that he could administer an anti-emetic to see if it could give Raychel some relief. As staff nurses on the children's ward we are unable to administer intravenous anti-emetics as this must be done by a doctor. I contacted the Surgical Junior House Officer on call, a locum named Dr Michael Curran. I explained to him about Raychel's nausea and vomiting and he said he would come to see her. He arrived on the ward at approximately 22:00 and administered Cyclizine at 22:15 (See p. 020-017-034). Raychel's nausea subsided at this time and she fell asleep shortly afterwards. At approximately 23:30 Raychel's parents informed us that they were going home, as she was asleep and resting well. They asked us to telephone them if Raychel needed them and we said that we would.

At 00:35 Staff Nurse Fiona Bryce came to me and said that Raychel was restless and asked me to help her change her pyjama jacket as there was a mouthful of vomit on it. When we went to Raychel's bedside I asked her if she was okay and she replied 'yes'. I then asked her if we could sit her up in the bed to put on a fresh pyjama jacket. When Staff Nurse Bryce and I had helped her to sit up Raychel said 'I just want to lie down and sleep'. So we lowered her back onto the bed and placed her pyjama jacket over the top of her. She fell to sleep almost immediately. I had no concerns at this time.

At approximately 02:00 I again took and recorded Raychel's temperature, pulse and respiratory rate (See p.020-015-028). They were unremarkable. She was asleep but woke when I placed the aural thermometer in her ear. I asked her if she was okay. She replied 'yeah' or 'yes'. I cannot be sure which. I checked her intravenous infusion and cannula site and recorded this on the fluid balance sheet (See p. 020-018-037). I had no concerns regarding Raychel at this time. I did not see Raychel after this until approximately 03:40.

At approximately 03:40 I returned from my break and was informed by Staff Nurse Anne Noble that Raychel had had a seizure. Mr. Ferguson was being contacted at this time. The doctors on the ward at this time were a Surgical Junior House Officer and a Paediatric Senior House Officer named Jeremy Johnston. The Surgical Junior House Officer and I went to Raychel's bedside and I helped him as he took some blood from Raychel for electrolyte profile and blood cultures. At this time oxygen was being administered to Raychel via a non-rebreathing face mask at eight litres per minute. A saturation monitor had been attached to Raychel and her pulse, respiratory rate and oxygen saturations were within normal limits. Mr. Ferguson arrived on the ward as this was being done. When I went to see if Dr Johnston could see Raychel he left the ward. I spoke to the Surgical Junior House Officer and said that Raychel was very ill and that we should contact the Paediatric Registrar immediately. At approximately 04:20 Dr Bernie Trainor the Paediatric Registrar arrived on the ward. She told me that Dr Johnston had spoken to her in the Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit and had asked her to see Raychel.

Dr Trainor had immediately went to her bedside and listened to her chest with a Stethoscope and examined her eyes. Raychel's pupils were sluggish but reacting to light. Dr Trainor said that her chest sounded 'rattly' and on examining her further she noticed a few petecchial spots on her upper trunk. More bloods were taken and during this time Raychel's pulse and saturations were within normal limits. Her pupils were now dilated on examination. Dr Trainor immediately telephoned the Paediatric Consultant Dr Mc Cord. Staff Nurse Noble then carried Raychel down to the treatment room and a Pro Pak monitor was attached. Intravenous fluids were still running at this time. Dr Trainor came into the treatment room and on examination Raychel's pupils were fixed and dilated. The anaesthetist on call was emergency bleeped. Raychel's oxygen saturations dropped suddenly to 85% despite oxygen still being administered. An airway was inserted and bagging commenced. Seconds after this the anaesthetist arrived in the treatment room. After this I withdrew from caring for Raychel and from the treatment room.

- 2. Give details of any contact you had with colleagues at RBHSC after Raychel's transfer from Altnagelvin.**

None

Particular areas of interest (Cont'd)

3. Describe in detail your communications with the family of Raychel Ferguson both before and after her death , to include:
- (i) the nature and content of such communications;
 - (ii) at whose request the communications took place; and
 - (iii) when and where the communications took place.

None

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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: Sandra EA Gruchnst

Dated: 22nd June 2005

THE
QUEEN'S
UNIVERSITY
OF BELFAST



It is hereby certified that
Sandra Elizabeth Ann Gilchrist
was awarded the
**Diploma in Nursing Studies
(Children's Nursing)**
with Commendation

on the fifth day of July 2004

Professor George Bain
Vice-Chancellor

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**THE
NATIONAL
BOARD**

The National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for Northern Ireland

RAC House 79 Chichester Street Belfast BT1 4JE Telephone (0232) 238152

Date: 27/02/87

PIN: 83L0002N

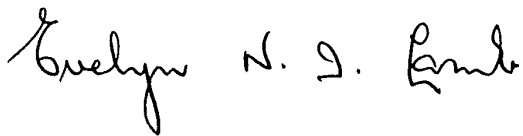
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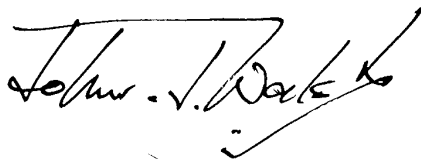
has successfully completed a course in

GENERAL NURSING (LEVEL 1)

at an Institution approved by this Board under the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1979 and is therefore eligible to have this qualification registered/recorded on the single professional register maintained by the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting.



Chairman



Chief Executive Officer

North & West In-Service Education Consortium

Certificate of Attendance

is awarded to

SANDRA GILCHRIST

who attended the undermentioned In-Service programme

Childrens' Palliative Care – Pain & Symptom Management / Syringe Driver Training

Duration *1 Day*

Date(s) *10 June 2004*

Kathleen Dunne
In-Service Nurse Teacher

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Altnagelvin Hospitals Health & Social Services Trust

Certificate of Attendance

To certify that Sanona Richrist

has attended a Study Day on
Care of the Child with Diabetes

Duration of Lecture 6 hrs.

Signature 

Date 2/12/03

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NURSING & MIDWIFERY COUNCIL

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STATEMENT OF ENTRY IN THE PROFESSIONAL REGISTER

Mrs SEA Gilchrist
1 Dalys Park
Altanagelvin
Co Londonderry
N Ireland
BT47 1SE
N Ireland

Ref UK026/1/ CHRISW

Date: 04/12/2003

Forenames: Sandra Elizabeth Ann
Surname: Gilchrist

PIN: 83L0002N

Date of Birth: 17/07/64

Registered Entries

Registered Entry/Entries

RN1
RN15

Date Registered

28/02/87
29/10/03

Status

Effective
Effective

Recorded Entries

Recorded Entry/Entries

Date Registered

Status

End of Statement - No Further Entries

Yours sincerely



Jonathan Asbridge
President



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Certificate of Attendance

This is to Certify that

Sandra Gilchrist

attended a conference on

Home Ventilation for Adults and Children

Wednesday 20th June 2001

Postgraduate Lecture Theatre
Belfast City Hospital

Approved for 5 CPD points

Dr Bob Taylor
(Hon Secretary)

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Bob Taylor'.

The **ROYAL**
HOSPITALS

This is to Certify that

Sandra Doherty

has attended the conference

**"POSITIVE PAIN
MANAGEMENT 2"**

at the Balmoral Conference Centre

on

Thursday 10 November 1994

Signed: Donna Brown
**Pain Control
Nurse**

Dee Floyd
**Pain Control
Nurse**

Child Accident Prevention Trust

Healing the Hidden Hurt
- the emotional effects of children's accidents

held at the Southern Area College of Nursing, Craigavon

This is to certify that

Saele Doberty

attended this conference on 12th September 1996

signed Carol Sherriff

Carol Sherriff, Director
Child Accident Prevention Trust



Certificate of Attendance

To certify that Sandra Doherty

has attended a **Study Day on
Care of the Child with Diabetes**

Duration of Lecture 9am - 4pm

Signature [Signature]

Date 8/10/96



Breastfeeding Training

Two Accumulated Refresher Course Study Days
Reference No: NBNI 97/10

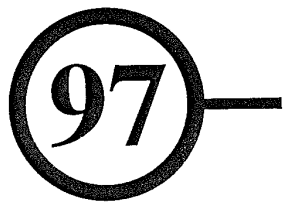
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Name: SANDRA DOHERTY Pin: 83L0002 N

MAY 1997.

Signed JR Bratton
C. Campbell

Bruceker



THE ROYAL BELFAST HOSPITAL
FOR SICK CHILDREN

'QUALITY CARE FOR KIDS'

This is to certify that

S. Doherty

attended the above on

Tuesday 21st October 1997

Carolyn Fitzsimmins

Carolyn Fitzsimmins
Quality Assurance Manager



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Certificate of Attendance

is awarded to

Sandra Doherty

who attended the undermentioned In-Service programme

Paediatric Continence

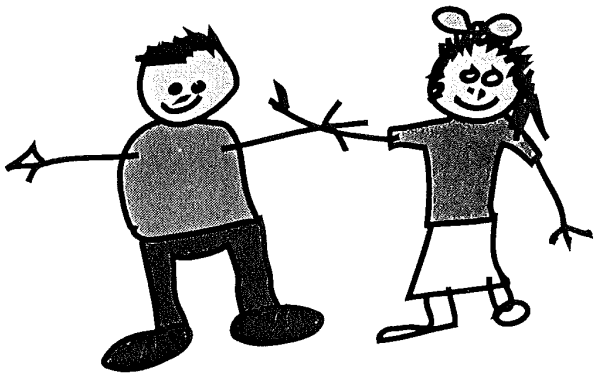
Duration
One Day

Date(s)
12 June 1998

Michael Dune

In-Service Nurse Teacher

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Sandra Doherty

has successfully completed a eight hour training programme
in

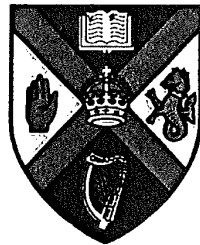
Paediatric Resuscitation

The training is based on the guidelines adopted by the
European Resuscitation Council 1998
for Paediatric Basic Life Support

Signed:  Dr N. Corrigan
Consultant Paediatrician

Signed: ... Ursula McCollum ... Ursula McCollum
Resuscitation Officer
Date: 19/08/1999

The Queen's University of Belfast



School of Nursing and Midwifery

This is to certify that

Sandra Elizabeth Ann Doherty

attended a Half Day
Mentorship Session

on

Friday 21st May 1999

Signed:

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(Head of School)

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Approved for 5 CPD points

Dr Bob Taylor
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EPILEPSY WHERE WE ARE NOW

ONE DAY
MULTIDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE

KILLYHEVLIN HOTEL, ENNISKILLEN

THURSDAY 17TH JUNE 1999

This is to certify that

SANDRA ROBERTY

attended the above conference

Monica Clarke
Monica Clarke
Regional Services Manager
British Epilepsy Association
Conference Organiser



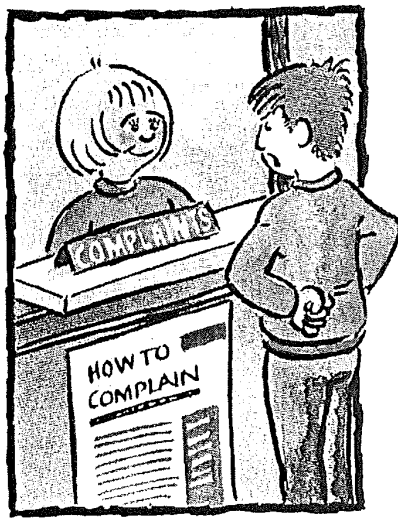
This is to Certify that

Sandra Dehenty

Attended a Training Session Entitled

"Complaints Procedure"

on 25/5/00



Signed: *Annette*
Patient Advocate

The Makaton Vocabulary
Development Project

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

Sandra Gilchrist has attended
a Makaton workshop (No. 2)
on 2nd July 2002

*The next level of recommended
training is a

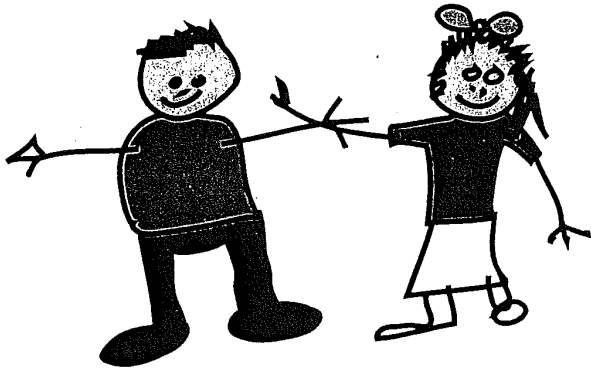
Makaton workshop (No. 3A)

~~*This completes the Makaton Training recommended
by MVDP for~~

~~a Group user~~

Lisa Young
Makaton Regional/Local Tutor

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has successfully completed a eight hour training programme
in

Paediatric Resuscitation

The training is based on the guidelines adopted by the
European Resuscitation Council 2000
for Paediatric Basic Life Support

Signed: Dr N. Corrigan..... Dr N. Corrigan
Consultant Paediatrician

Signed: Ursula Mc Collum..... Ursula McCollum
Mary McKenna Resuscitation Officer
Date: 12.02.04

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Certificate of Attendance

This is to certify that

Sandra Gucheor

has attended our seminar on

Pressure Area Management

Dated: 11TH May 2004

Venue: Altnagelvin Area Hospital

Presented by:

Sarah Prior

North & West In-Service Education Consortium

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is awarded to

Sandra Gilchrist

who attended the undermentioned In-Service programme

Manual Handling

1 Day

Duration

06/04/2004

Date(s)

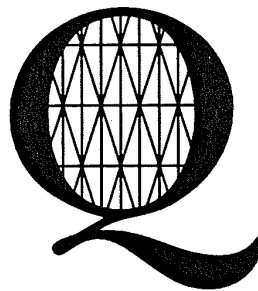
Robert [Signature]

In-Service Nurse Teacher

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The Queen's University of Belfast

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This is to certify that

Sandra Gilchrist

*attended a half day
Mentorship Session*

on

3rd Feb 2005

Signed: Joan Orr
(Head of School)

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who attended the undermentioned In-Service programme

Manual Handling & CPR Update

Duration **1 Day**

Date(s) **17 May 2005**

Anne Louise Rose Macconaghie
In-Service Nurse Teacher