

Witness Statement Ref. No. 078/1**INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA-RELATED DEATHS****Name: Dr Glenda Mock****Title: Principal Medical Officer****Present position and department/employer: DHSSPS****Length of time in post: Since January 2002****Previous position and department/employer in 1995:****Senior Medical Officer****DHSSPS****Previous position and department/employer in 2000:****Senior Medical Officer****DHSSPS****Previous position and department/employer in 2001:****Senior Medical Officer****DHSSPS****Membership of Professionals Bodies:****British Medical Association****Medical Defence Union****Ulster Medical Society**

Particular areas of interest

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(i) How and when did you first become aware of the deaths of Adam, Lucy and Raychel?

In 2001, I was aware that Dr McCarthy was drawing up clinical guidelines in hyponatraemia in children, because of the death of a child. I was present at the CREST Committee on 8 November 2001 at which Dr McCarthy presented this work. Although the minutes (075-066-210) do not record my name, my own notes show this. A sub committee was appointed to draw up the guidance on Hyponatraemia in Adults. My only awareness of the names of the children was when they came to public attention in the media in 2004.

(ii) Describe in detail the steps you took:

- (1) to discover why the children died;
- (2) why the DHSSPS was not made aware of the deaths at an earlier stage; and
- (3) to ensure that lessons would be learned for the future.

Not involved

Particular areas of interest (Cont'd)

- (iii) Give details of your colleagues within the DHSSPS with whom you discussed the steps to be taken in response to the deaths of Adam, Lucy and Raychel to include the reasons why and when they were contacted by you and the outcome of your discussions.

Not involved

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

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

Signed: *Gracie Holt*
Gracie R. Holt.

Dated: 28 June 2005