

Witness Statement Ref. No. 087/1

INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA-RELATED DEATHS

Name: Doreen Wilson

Title: MRS PATRICIA DOREEN WILSON

**Present position and department/employer:
CHIEF DENTAL OFFICER, DHSSPS**

Length of time in post: 5 YEARS

**Previous position and department/employer in 1995:
Joined DHSS August 1995 as Dental Referral Officer**

**Previous position and department/employer in 2000:
Chief Dental Officer July 2000 in DHSSPS**

**Previous position and department/employer in 2001:
Chief Dental Officer in DHSSPS**

Membership of Professionals Bodies:

- General Dental Council**
- British Dental Association**
- Royal College of Surgeons (Edin)**

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?

I was not present at the Departmental Board meeting on 27 February 2004 but on reading the minutes of that meeting (004-019-236) I was made aware of the death of Lucy Crawford. I cannot remember how or when I became aware of the deaths of Adam and Raychel.

(ii) Describe in detail the steps you took to discover why these children died and to ensure that lessons were learned for the future.

I did not consider it within my remit as Chief Dental Officer to take any steps to investigate the deaths of these children, other than take part in any Departmental Board discussions or decisions.

Particular areas of interest (Cont'd)

- (iii) Give details of colleagues within the DHSSPS and others with whom you discussed the steps to be taken in response to the children's deaths, to include the reason why they were contacted by you, when and the outcome of your discussions.**

I would not have discussed with colleagues or been included in discussions with colleagues regarding the children's deaths.

- (iv) In your role as a member of the Departmental Board, explain what information you received or solicited about the procedures, investigations and events that followed the deaths of Adam, Lucy and Raychel.**

I would have been aware, from Departmental Board papers of 27 February 2004(004-019-236), that the Department was meeting with Sperrin Lakeland Trust to discuss the death of Lucy Crawford.

At the Departmental Board meeting on 28 May 2004 (004-020-238) there was an update on the media coverage of the death of Lucy Crawford.

- (v) Again in your role as a member of the Departmental Board, explain what steps you took to discover why the children died and to ensure that any lessons would be learned.**

As a Board member I was aware that a decision was made to hold an inquiry into the deaths of these children.

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

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NONE

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

Signed: *P.D. Wild.*

Dated: 22 June 2005