

Witness Statement Ref. No.

101/4

NAME OF CHILD: Adam Strain

Name: Margaret Mathewson

Title:

Present position and institution:

Previous position(s) and institution(s):

[Since your Witness Statement of 17th August 2011]

Membership of Advisory Panels and Committees:

[Identify by date and title all of those since your Witness Statement of 17th August 2011]

Other Statements, Depositions and Reports:

[Identify by date and title all those since your Witness Statement of 17th August 2011]

OFFICIAL USE:

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

Ref:	Date:	
093-013	06.04.06	PSNI Witness Statement
101/1	10.04.11	Witness Statement to the Inquiry on Hyponatraemia
101/2	17.08.11	Second Inquiry 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 such a number then please provide a copy of the document.

I QUERIES ARISING OUT OF YOUR PSNI WITNESS STATEMENT

With reference to your PSNI Witness Statement dated 6th April 2006 (Ref: 093-013-042), please provide clarification and/or further information in respect of the following:

(1) *"[M]y duty on 27.11.95 was runner in theatre during an operation on Adam Strain."* (Ref: 093-013-042)

(a) State if you 'took over' the role of runner in theatre from anyone on your arrival at theatre on 27th November 1995. If so, identify this person, and what, if anything, they discussed with you on your arrival at theatre.

From the swab form there seemed to be someone prior to me. I cannot recall the identity of the person.

(b) State if there was someone acting, or if it was possible that someone was acting, as a 'second runner' during Adam's operation. If so, identify this person, or who this person could have been.

I cannot recall, it may have been possible. If I had to leave theatre it would have been whoever was available at the time.

(c) State if there was, or if it was possible that there was, an auxiliary nurse present during Adam's operation. If so, identify this person, or who this person could have been.

I cannot recall, it may have been possible.

(d) State if it is possible that you carried out some of the duties of an anaesthetic nurse:

- (i) prior to and/or
- (ii) whilst fulfilling your role as a runner.

If so, state which duties you carried out.

It may have been possible in some cases but I have no recollection of carrying out these duties on that day.

(2) *"From this sheet I can state the writing in the left column from "total blood loss" to "911 approx" is my writing. This column was used by me to calculate the total blood loss by adding the total of 411 in the right hand column to 500mls approximately in the suction bottle. I can also confirm on this sheet in the centre column my writing commences at the figure 20.1 and this column records the blood accumulated in an individual swab. In the right column I can confirm that my writing commences at 160.7 and this column records a running total of all blood loss in the swabs."* (Ref: 093-013-043)

(a) State who in the operating theatre had primary responsibility for recording blood loss.

The anaesthetist, using the information provided by the staff nurse who was the runner.

(b) State whose role it would have been to record the blood loss details before you began your notes of the blood loss on the blood loss record (Ref: 058-007-021).

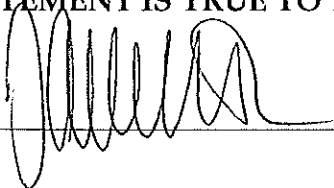
The person whoever I took over from.

(c) If knife to skin surgery commenced around 8.00am, what is the likely time that the first swab blood count was recorded?

As soon as bleeding occurred.

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

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dated:

13/10/11