

NAME OF CHILD: Adam Strain

Name: Joanne Sharratt (nee Clingham)

Title: Mrs

Present position and institution: Mother and Housewife

Previous position and institution:

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

Paediatric Renal Nurse Co-ordinator

Membership of Advisory Panels and Committees:

[Identify by date and title all of those between January 1995-December 2010]

None

Other Statements, Depositions and Reports:

[Identify by date and title all those made in relation to the child's death]

4.9.2006 PSNI witness statement

OFFICIAL USE:

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

Ref:	Date:	
093-017	04.09.06	PSNI 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 4th September 2006 (Ref: 093-017-050), please provide clarification and/or further information in respect of the following:

(1) *"I had frequent contact with Adam, both pre-dialysis and after he needed dialysis, and also in education regarding transplant."*

(a) Identify and describe any guidelines or protocols governing the management and monitoring of children receiving dialysis over the period when Adam *"needed dialysis"*

Baxters instructions for use were the guidelines used for the safe operating of the Pac X machine, which is no longer in use since being replaced by the Home Choice machine. Parental competencies were undertaken prior to discharge, and monitoring of children was by telephone contact and outpatient review.

(b) State your role in the management of Adam's dialysis prior to his transplant surgery on 27th November 1995

I did not have any role in Adam's dialysis prior to his transplant surgery on 27th November 1995. His dialysis as prescribed may have been carried out by his Mum or Ward nursing staff.

(c) State what was discussed with Adam's mother about her maintaining a record of the volume of fluid removed each night through Adam's peritoneal dialysis and his weight before and after the dialysis

I do not remember what was discussed with Adam's mother but part of parental responsibilities was accurate record keeping in regard to fluid removal during dialysis and Adam's weight was to be taken pre and post dialysis.

(d) Describe and identify the records that were maintained and by whom in relation to the total volume of fluid removed through Adam's peritoneal dialysis and his weight and electrolytes on commencing and completing dialysis

A parent held record booklet provided by Baxter would have been reviewed at outpatient clinics. Vena puncture at outpatient clinic was also performed to enable electrolytes to be monitored.

- (e) Identify the occasions when you met with Adam and/or his family in respect of "education regarding transplant", including giving the date and place of such occasions

I worked with my colleague Joyce Gardiner (deceased). I do not have recollection of dates when education took place during home visits at outpatient reviews.

- (f) Describe and explain the content of the "education regarding transplant" that occurred during your contact with Adam and/or his family

For small children the main preparation for transplant was carried out by medical staff. My role in that and my colleague would have been to clarify educational issues raised by Adam's mum if she had any.

- (2) *"I think I can remember Adam arriving on the ward on 26th November 1995 in relation to a possible transplant the following day. I would not have been responsible for any nursing care and therefore would not have made any entries in his notes. I think Adam arrived on the ward at about 8pm or 8.30pm."*

- (a) Describe your duties and responsibilities from when Adam arrived "on the ward on 26th November 1995" until his departure from the ward for his transplant surgery on 27th November 1995

I do not remember ever doing night duty. My shifts were Monday to Friday day duty. On occasions I may have been called to undertake urgent haemodialysis. I cannot remember now how I was made aware that Adam might receive a transplant.

- (b) Explain the basis of your assertion that you "would not have been responsible for any nursing care"

I would not have been responsible for any nursing care on 26th November 1995 and on 27th November 1995 I was caring for a child receiving haemodialysis.

- (3) *"To my recollection when I came on duty the following day Adam had gone to theatre."*

- (a) State the times at which you were on duty over the period from 8.00pm on 26th November 1995 until 11.30am on 28th November 1995

To the best of my knowledge I was due to start work at 7.45am on 27th November 1995 but I came in around 7.30am thinking Adam might still be on the ward but he had already gone to theatre. I will have been on day duty on 27th and 28th November 1995.

- (4) *"During the operation it would not have been my role to liaise with theatre, nor would theatre liaised (sic) with me. Liaison between theatre and parents during operations was undertaken by medical staff. I do not recall any conversations in respect of the progress of the operation during the surgery. I can state that when I became aware that there was a problem with Adam's condition he was in intensive care."*

- (a) State the content of any conversation you had in relation to Adam and his surgery between his admission on 26th November 1995 and his transfer to PICU on 27th November 1995 and state in relation to such conversations:

- the identity of the person(s) concerned
- when and where they took place
- what prompted them
- what happened as a result

I have no recollection

(b) Describe and explain from whom, when and in what the circumstances you *"became aware that there was a problem with Adam's condition"*

I have no recollection

II ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

(5) Describe in detail the education and training you received in fluid management (in particular hyponatraemia) and record keeping through the following, providing dates and names of the institutions/bodies:

(a) Pre-registration education

I have no recollection

(b) Post-registration education and training

I have no recollection

(c) Hospital induction programmes

I have no recollection

(d) Continuous professional development

I have no recollection

(6) Prior to 26th November 1995, describe in detail your experience of children with hyponatraemia, including the:

- estimated total number of such cases, together with the dates and where they took place
- number of the children who were aged less than 6 years old
- number of children who were polyuric
- nature of your involvement
- outcome for the children

I have no recollection

(7) Since 27th November 1995, describe in detail your experience of children with hyponatraemia, including the:

- estimated total number of such cases, together with the dates and where they took place
- number of the children who were aged less than 6 years old
- number of children who were polyuric
- nature of your involvement
- outcome for the children

I have no recollection

(8) Prior to 26th November 1995, describe in detail your experience of children undergoing renal transplants, including:

- the number of all such transplants, together with the date of each and where they took place
- the number of the children who were aged less than 6 years old
- the nature of your involvement

I have no recollection

(9) Identify precisely on Adam's medical notes and records the entries that you made or which were made on your direction and state below:

(a) when each of the identified entries was made

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(b) the source of the information recorded in the entry

Nursing evaluations and actions in the Nursing Care Plan.

(10) Identify any 'Protocols' and/or 'Guidelines' which governed your work whilst on duty over the period from 8.00pm on 26th November 1995 until 11.30am on 28th November 1995

I have no recollection

(11) Provide any further points and comments that you wish to make, together with any documents, in relation to:

(a) Care and treatment of Adam from his admission for the renal transplant surgery on 26th November 1995 until his death on 28th November 1995

(b) Record keeping

(c) Communications with Adam's family about his care and treatment in respect of the renal transplant surgery

(d) Lessons learned from Adam's death and its effect on your practice

(e) Current 'protocols' and procedures

(f) Any other relevant matter

I have no further points or comments to make.

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

Signed: *Joane Sharatt*

Dated: *28th April 2011*