

Witness Statement Ref. No. 139/3

NAME OF CHILD: Claire Roberts

Name: Roger Stevenson

Title: Dr

**Present position and institution:**

GP Mountsandell Surgery, 4 Mountsandell Road, Coleraine BT52 1JB

**Previous position and institution:**

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

First term Paediatric SHO, as part of the 2yr RVH Medical Rotation/Training Scheme

**Membership of Advisory Panels and Committees:**

*[Identify by date and title all of those since your Witness Statement dated 20<sup>th</sup> June 2012]*

I have not been a member of any Advisory Panels or Committees.

**Previous Statements, Depositions and Reports:**

*[Identify by date and title all of those since your Witness Statement dated 20<sup>th</sup> June 2012]*

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**OFFICIAL USE:**

**List of previous statements, depositions and reports:**

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**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 an Inquiry reference number, then please provide a copy of the document attached to your statement.*

**QUERIES ARISING OUT OF DR WEBB'S LATEST STATEMENT (WS-138/3)**

**With reference to the latest witness statement received by the Inquiry from Dr. David Webb, dated October 2012, please provide clarification and/or further information in respect of the following:**

(1) *"I believe I was contacted about Claire Roberts after the seizure that she had recorded in the Nursing Notes at 3.10 on October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2012. I believe this contact was made by a Doctor but I cannot recall by whom."* (Ref: WS-138/3, p.2)

(a) State if you were the "Doctor" who contacted Dr. Webb regarding a seizure around 15.10 on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2012.

**I have no recollection of initiating contact with Dr Webb about Claire Roberts at any stage, either in person or by telephone.**

**I have, however, documented in the Clinical notes "S/B Dr Webb", before detailing the Midazolam dosage calculation (Please see 090-022-055) which would indicate to me that I discussed further medication with Dr Webb in person in Allen Ward, at or about, the time this note was made. Although the relevant entry is not timed, it appears that it must have been made after the entry timed at 2.30pm (090-022-054) and before the Midazolam was administered (090-026-075).**

**My understanding of Dr Webb's recent Statement (WS-138/3) is that he believes that he may have been contacted by a doctor by telephone about Claire, gone to check the Midazolam dose in his room and then communicated the dose by telephone to the Ward. My normal practice was to document all contact with senior colleagues about a patient's care in the notes. If, therefore, I had had two separate contacts with Dr Webb about the Midazolam dose, either in person or by telephone, I would normally have made two separate entries in the notes. Based, therefore, on the notes I consider it likely that I only had one contact with Dr Webb about the Midazolam dose during the course of the afternoon of 22<sup>nd</sup> October.**

(b) If you were, state whether you spoke to Dr. Webb in person or by telephone.

**Please see my answer to Question 1(a).**

(c) If not, please identify the "Doctor" who contacted Dr Webb regarding this seizure, if known.

**If I was not the "Doctor" whom Dr Webb believes initiated contact with him, I do not know who this was, save that the other junior doctors attached to Allen ward at that time were Dr Sands and Dr Stewart. It may also have been that one of the nursing staff contacted Dr Webb.**

(2) *"I believe I suggested Midazolam as the next option for Claire but I would not have been certain of the dose and would have had to check this by reviewing papers kept in my office. I believe my communication with the Medical staff in relation to this was most likely to have been by phone as I did not attend the ward until sometime later and did not write the dose myself in Claire's notes."* (Ref: WS-138/3, p.2)

(a) Dr. Webb states that he did not attend Claire at this time. Please therefore explain why your note regarding the prescription of Midazolam at Ref: 090-022-055 states *"S/B Dr Webb"*.

**S/B means "seen by".**

**As stated above, I would interpret this entry as indicating that Claire was reviewed by Dr Webb in person on Allen Ward.**

**I note that there is an entry in the nursing records stating *"Stat dose IV Phenytoin at 2.45pm - to have B.D. S/B Dr Webb still status epilepticus given stat IV hypnovel at 3.25pm"* (090-040-141). I also note that at page 3 of Dr Webb's WS- 138/3 he makes reference to making three visits to the Ward, at 2pm, *"after 3pm"* and at 5pm (Ref WS-238/3).**

(3) *"I cannot recall for certain the dose that I recommended but I believe this would have been a loading dose of 0.15mg/kg."* (WS-138/3, p.2)

(a) State whether Dr. Webb told you the dose for Midazolam was *"0.15mg/kg"* at all, or as a result him having checked this *"by reviewing papers kept in my office."*

**I am unable to recollect Dr Webb telling me the dose for Midazolam and/or whether this was 0.15mg/kg. At my level of experience at the time, I would not, however, have initiated this medication without guidance from a more senior clinician.**

**Given my lack of recollection, I am unable to state whether any dose that Dr Webb communicated to me was as a result of his have checked the dose by reviewing papers kept in his office.**

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

**Signed:** 

**Dated:** 9/11/12