

Witness Statement Ref. No.

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NAME OF CHILD: Adam Strain

Name: Chitra Bharucha MBE, MBBS FRCPath, FCAI

Title: Dr

Present position and institution: N/A

Previous position and institution: Consultant Haematologist - BCTH and
[As at the time of the child's death] Deputy Director NIBTS 1981 - 2000
I have no knowledge of this child

Membership of Advisory Panels and Committees:

[Identify by date and title all of those between January 1995- November 2011]

Previous Statements, Depositions and Reports:

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

OFFICIAL USE:

List of previous statements, depositions and reports attached:

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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.

I QUERIES ARISING OUT OF DR ALISON ARMOUR'S NOTE ON ADAM STRAIN'S CASE

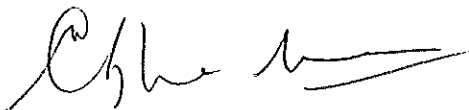
With reference to Dr Alison Armour's note on Adam Strain's case dated 8th December 1995 (Ref: 011-025-125), please provide clarification and/or further information in respect of the following:

(1) *"Today [8th December 1995] Dr Armour showed slides etc to Dr O'Hara and Dr Bharucha. Both stated there was clear evidence of hypoxia/anoxia/anaphylactic [sic] reaction. Those virtually are all the same thing. Both raised the question mark against the working of the anaesthetic equipment and Dr O'Hara raised the possibility of a problem that had occurred during induction of the anaesthesia which was not spotted."* (Ref: 011-025-125)

- (a) Describe exactly what "*slides etc*" you were shown by Dr Armour.
- (b) Describe the process by which you were shown these by Dr Armour, including:
 - (i) When.
 - (ii) In what circumstances, and
 - (iii) Why, and for what purpose, you saw them.
- (c) Explain why, and for what purpose, you were shown slides by Dr Armour.
- (d) In regard to Dr Alison Armour contacting you in relation to these "*slides etc*", then please:
 - (i) State when, by what means, and for what reason she contacted you. If she contacted you in writing, then please either provide a copy of the document or state what happened to it.
 - (ii) Describe exactly what you were asked to do, including whether you were asked to examine prepared slides or whether you had to prepare slides yourself.
 - (iii) If you were asked to prepare slides, state exactly what material you had to prepare them from, explain how you prepared the slides for examination and state where those slides are now.
- (e) State if you were aware that Dr O'Hara had also been contacted to look at the "*slides etc*". If so, state whether you had any discussions with Dr O'Hara, and if so, state when you discussed the "*slides etc*", what you discussed, and why you discussed same.

- (f) Identify any protocols and/or guidelines that covered your involvement in Dr Armour's work in relation to a Coroner's post-mortem.
 - (g) State as fully as you can:
 - (i) All the material from Adam that was provided to you.
 - (ii) The information that was given to you, for example whether you were provided with Adam's un-fixed and fixed brain weight. If so, state what figure was given to you and by whom.
 - (iii) The documents provided to you, for example whether you had any of Adam's medical notes and records, or the photographs that were taken sequentially of Adam's brain and, if so, what you had.
 - (h) Please explain, how if at all what was provided to you by way of material, information and documents was factored into both the views that you formed and the conclusions that you communicated to Dr. Alison Armour.
 - (i) State what comments, analysis and/or reports you provided in respect of "slides etc." that you saw and when you provided them
 - (j) State if Dr Armour is correct in saying that you "stated there was clear evidence of hypoxia/anoxia/anaphylactic [sic] reaction." If so, explain how the slides showed you "clear evidence of hypoxia/anoxia/anaphylactic [sic] reaction". If not, explain how Dr Armour is incorrect.
 - (k) Explain what you raised about the "question mark against the working of the anaesthetic equipment".
 - (l) State if you were aware that Dr O'Hara raised "the possibility of a problem that had occurred during induction of the anaesthesia which was not spotted." If so, state if you were present when Dr O'Hara raised this. If you were present, explain the circumstances and what problem he specified.
 - (m) State whether you saw a copy of Dr. Alison Armour's autopsy report and if so please give the date when you did so.
 - (n) Please find attached Dr Alison Armour's autopsy report (Ref: 011-010-034). Please comment generally on how her findings correlate with your views on the "slides etc" you were shown.
 - (o) State whether you took any notes from your examination of the slides, and if so, please provide a copy.
- (2) Describe in detail the education and training you received in fluid management (in particular hyponatraemia) through the following, providing dates and names of the institutions/bodies:
- (a) Undergraduate level

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

Signed: 

Dated: 12 January 2012