

Witness Statement Ref. No.

298/2

NAME OF CHILD: RAYCHEL FERGUSON (LUCY CRAWFORD)

Name: Moira Stewart

Title: Doctor

**Present position and institution:**

Senior Lecturer, Queens University Belfast/Consultant Paediatrician, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

**Previous position and institution:**

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

Senior Lecturer Queens University Belfast /Consultant Paediatrician, North and West Belfast HSC Trust

**Membership of Advisory Panels and Committees:**

*[Identify by date and title all of those between January 2000 - December 2012]*

Chairman Paediatric Training Committee 1999-2002

Regional Advisor to Royal College of Paediatrics & children 1999-2002

Advanced Paediatric Life Support Instructor 1999-2006

External Assessor SpR Training Programme RCPI 2004 -

Regional Academic Advisor, RCPCH 2006 -

Lead Clinician (NI) Confidential Enquiry into Maternal and child Deaths - 2005 - 2009

NI Representative on Council RCPCH 2001-2004

Principal Regional Examiner RCPCH 2006-2012

Officer for Ireland RCPCH 2007-2012

President Ulster Paediatric Society 2011-

Children and Young People's service framework- Acute and Long term conditions subgroup lead 2010-

**Previous Statements, Depositions and Reports:**

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

Report to Sperrin Lakeland Trust on management of four clinical cases including LC -sent 26-04-2001. The review followed a request to Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health for a general paediatrician to review clinical care provided by one consultant, to four children in Sperrin Lakeland Trust, across a range of presenting symptoms and signs.

External professional competency review of the practice of one individual - report sent to Sperrin Lakeland Trust July 2002

**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.*

**I. QUESTIONS SUPPLEMENTARY TO YOUR WITNESS STATEMENT WS-298/1**

**(1) At any time did you speak to Dr. Murray Quinn about any issue relating to Lucy Crawford's case? If so, please address the following questions:**

**(a) When did you speak to him?**

I cannot remember but it was between receiving the 4 sets of case notes from Sperrin Lakeland Trust in early 2001 and sending in report on 26 April 2001.

**(b) Did you make contact with him or did he make contact with you?**

I telephoned Dr Quinn.

**(c) What was the purpose of the discussion?**

I had received the 4 sets of case notes from Sperrin Lake Trust. I had concerns about Lucy Crawford's management on the evening/night of her admission, in particular her fluid management. I had read Dr Quinn's report, which I have not seen again since 2001, and was aware that he did not share my concerns. I wondered if he had additional information and/or reasons for reaching his conclusions and felt that it would be good practice on my part to talk to him, before submitting my report.

**(d) What issues were discussed between you?**

I cannot remember all the details of our conversation which was quite brief and I did not take notes. I explained the background to my involvement and also my concerns about Lucy's management. From memory, he was satisfied with the content of his report and did not share my concerns.

**(e) What conclusions did you reach following this discussion?**

I concluded that we had to agree to differ.

**(f) What action did you take following your discussion?**

I submitted my review of the 4 cases including that of Lucy to Sperrin Lakeland Trust. I think I asked one of my colleagues to read through the review to make sure I had not made major errors in calculations or in concluding paragraph.

**(g) Did your discussion with Dr. Quinn inform the reports which you produced for the Sperrin Lakeland Trust and if so, in what way?**

I do not think I made changes to the report after talking to Dr Quinn but cannot be sure. I did feel some uneasiness that we had different perspectives on Lucy's management but at this time, was still of the view that more definite conclusions would be reached by the Coroner, and which took account of all information. In my meeting with Dr Kelly in June, the differences in reports from Dr Quinn and me were acknowledged.

- (2) Arising out of your answer to question 15(b) of WS298/1, please identify the specific documents which you and Dr. Boon had access to which were not available to you at the time of your initial report?

Again, this is going back to 2002 and so cannot remember in detail, and in accordance with instructions from College I did not retain all paperwork. I do recall a letter from a staff grade doctor giving more information on Lucy's fluid management.

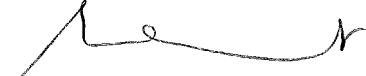
- (3) Arising out of your answer to question 15(b) of WS-298/1, please identify the members of staff at the Sperrin Lakeland Trust who assisted you and Dr. Boon to reach conclusions in relation to Lucy's case and explain the particular assistance they provided to you.

Dr Boon and I spent 2 days in Erne Hospital but very little time was spent on review of any one case. The purpose of the visit was to address a wide range of competencies of one consultant, with emphasis on communication, team working, interpersonal relationships as well as clinical practice. I know we talked to other medical and nursing staff, but cannot remember details. Dr Boon felt we should include the sentence with our conclusion as to cause of Lucy's death even though we had not been asked to do a medical report, and also that we were aware that medico-legal proceedings were underway. We were never asked to provide a medical report or to contribute to the medico-legal case.

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

Signed:



Dated:

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