

Witness Statement Ref. No.

311/1

NAME OF CHILD: RAYCHEL FERGUSON (LUCY CRAWFORD)

Name: Staff Nurse Bridget Swift

Title:

Present position and institution:

Retired R.G.N

Previous position and institution: Staff Nurse in Paediatric Unit of Erne Hospital

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

Membership of Advisory Panels and Committees:

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

None

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:

Deposition to Coroner: 18th February 2004

Ref:	Date:	

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.

(1) Please address the following matters:

- (a) Outline your professional qualifications, and the date when you received them;
Enrolled Nurse 28/8/1982.
Registered General Number 28/10/1993.
- (b) On what date were you appointed as a staff nurse at Erne Hospital;
08/10/1993.
- (c) Identify all nursing posts held by you before and since you were appointed to the Erne Hospital as a staff nurse;
Bank Nurse 27/12/1999.

(2) Please refer to a record of a discussion between you, Sister Traynor and Mr. Eugene Fee, dated 27th April 2000 at Ref: 033-102-295, and answer the following questions:

- (a) Confirm that you met with Mr. Fee and Sister Traynor on the 27th April 2000.
I cannot recall meeting with Mr Fee and Sister Traynor on this dated Ref. No. 033-102-295.
- (b) Set out your understanding of the purpose of that meeting.
As I do not recall meeting with both parties I cannot answer this question.
- (c) What was your understanding of Mr. Fee's purpose in speaking to you?
I met with Mr Fee on numerous occasions, 4 years after Lucy's Death Mr Fee requested a statement from me of the events that occurred.
- (d) What was your understanding of Mr. Fee's purpose in speaking to Sister Traynor?
I have no way of knowing Mr Fee's purpose in speaking to Sr Traynor - I was not present.
- (e) Confirm whether the comments attributed to you in the record at Ref: 033-102-295 have been accurately documented. If the comments are inaccurate, please explain any inaccuracy and clarify what you believe you did say.
I cannot recall meeting as stated with Mr Fee and Sr Traynor together.
When Mr Fee documented that he "spoke to Staff Nurse Swift" line 5-10, (Reference No. 033-102-295) he was speaking to me alone.
To clarify for accuracy - Dr O'Donohoe prescribed the IV Fluids which I know commenced as an infusion.

(3) Did you have any concern about any issue relating to the fluids prescribed/administered to Lucy or how this was done?

To answer point A&B of this question - I had no concerns about fluids prescribed or administered to Lucy or how it was done. Normal procedures were followed as per Trust guidelines.

If so, please address the following matters:

- (a) State precisely the concern that you had, and how this concern arose.
- (b) Did you report your concern to anyone at any time? If so,
 - (i) Identify all of the persons to whom you reported this concern;
 - (ii) State the date or the approximate date on which you reported this concern;
 - (iii) State precisely how you explained your concern to each such person;
 - (iv) Insofar as you are aware, outline any action which was taken by others on foot of any concern that you expressed.
 - (v) Were you satisfied with the handling of any concern which you did report? If you weren't satisfied, please explain why you weren't satisfied.
- (c) If you had any concern about the fluids prescribed/administered to Lucy, please indicate whether it was referred to in the report you prepared at Ref: 033-036-097. If you omitted to include any reference to your concern in your report, please explain why this omission occurred. Please see my answer at (a) and (b) above.

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

(a) The cause of Lucy's death;

We know now that Lucy died as a result of Hyponatraemia.

(b) The role performed by you, the Sperrin Lakeland Trust or others in terms of the steps that were taken to reach conclusions in relation to the cause of Lucy's death;
I was not directly involved in determining the cause of Lucy's death. I cannot comment on the role of the Sperrin Lakeland Trust.

(c) The procedures which were followed in order to review or investigate issues relating to the cause of Lucy's death;
As requested by Mr Fee at least 4 years after Lucy's death, I gave a statement of my actions on the night shift that Lucy was admitted.

(d) Lessons learned from Lucy's death and how that affected your practice at the Erne Hospital or elsewhere;
No. 18 Solution is no longer used on Children's Ward. Normal Saline and 5% Dextrose became the normal I.V Fluid administered to Children at risk of developing Hyponatraemia, fluid prescribed, dose calculation and electrolyte monitoring became much more rigorous.
Paediatric parental fluid therapy (1 month - 16years) was not implemented until September 2007.

1. Any other relevant matter.

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

Signed: MRS BRIDGET SWIFT

Dated: 16/3/13