

Witness Statement Ref. No. 347/1

NAME OF CHILD: Raychel Ferguson

Name: Anand

Title: Dr.

Present position and institution:

Consultant anaesthetist. South West Acute Hospital and Tyrone County Hospital, Western Health and Social Care Trust (formerly known as Sperrin Lakeland Trust). 1992-present

Previous position and institution:

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

Consultant anaesthetist and Clinical Director of Surgery and Anaesthesia in Sperrin Lakeland Trust between 1998-2004
Tyrone County Hospital

Membership of Advisory Panels and Committees:

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

Clinical Director of Surgery and Anaesthesia in Sperrin Lakeland Trust between 1998-2004
As per the above role, membership of the trust's Drug and Therapeutics Committee and Pharmacy Review Group.

Previous Statements, Depositions and Reports:

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

Nil

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 such a number then please provide a copy of the document.

(1) Please state your qualifications as at 2001 (and kindly provide a copy of your Curriculum Vitae).

- MBBCh (Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery)
- FFARCSI (Fellow of the Faculty of Anaesthetists of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland)
- MBA (Masters in Business Administration)

(2) Please state what your post in Tyrone County Hospital was in 2001.

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(3) In a statement made to the PSNI on 14th March 2006 by Dr. Nesbitt (former Clinical Director in Anaesthesia & Critical Care- Altnagelvin HHSST) he refers to a conversation in June 2001 when he "spoke to Dr. Chisakuta, a Consultant in Paediatric Anaesthesia and Intensive Care in the RBHSC about their [the RBHSC's] use of No.18 solution in post-operative surgical children and he informed me that they had been using precisely the same regime as Altnagelvin Hospital but had changed from No.18 solution six months previously because of concerns about the possibility of low sodium levels. This was also the position in Tyrone County Hospital" (Ref: 095-010-040). In a Witness Statement to the Inquiry Dr. Nesbitt further stated: "When I spoke to Dr. Anand in the Tyrone County Hospital she informed me that they no longer used Solution No.18. I explained why I was calling, informed her about what happened in Altnagelvin Hospital and asked why it was that they had stopped using No.18 Solution. She informed me that the RBHSC had stopped using that fluid because there were problems associated with it. I do not remember if I asked how she came to know this but I assume she may have transferred a child there or had some reason to visit the Children's Hospital." (Ref: WS-035/2 p.26).

In relation to these statements please state:

(a) Whether you spoke to Dr. Nesbitt on 13th June 2001, and whether the statement above is an accurate summary of this conversation? If not, please provide full details why not, and include any further information you have in relation to this.

I do not have any recollection of speaking to Dr Nesbitt on the 13th June 2001

(b) Whether Tyrone County Hospital had stopped using Solution 18 by June 2001;

No. Pharmacy records in Tyrone County Hospital show clearly that Solution 18 was in stock and available for use in Tyrone County Hospital on the 18th June 2001.

(c) Whether Tyrone County Hospital based this decision on information obtained by it from the RBHSC?

not applicable

(d) If so, what information was obtained from the RBHSC, from whom, and in what circumstances?

not applicable

(e) Whether any Tyrone County Hospital documentation exists that records this discontinuation (and if so please provide);

not applicable

(f) Whether Tyrone County Hospital took any note, minute, record or memorandum in relation to its communication on this subject with the RBHSC or any other hospital?

not applicable

(g) If Tyrone County Hospital had discontinued its use of Solution 18 please further state:

- What was the change;
- When did it occur;
- Did such change occur prior to the death of Raychel Ferguson;
- What were the reasons for the change;
- Who was responsible for the change;
- Were you informed of the change;
- If such a change occurred how was it implemented and by whom;
- Were you aware of a change;
- Were you aware of any other hospital following suit;
- If such a change occurred which fluid was used in the place of Solution 18;
- When you first became aware of the deaths of Adam Strain, Claire Roberts, Lucy Crawford and Raychel Ferguson;
- Was the change communicated to any other hospital committees, advisory groups, sub-committees or working parties, either then or subsequently;

- What were the consequences of the change;
- Whether any steps were taken to disseminate this information to the Altnagelvin Hospital or any other hospital (if so please detail to whom such information was disseminated, and if not please indicate why not);

not applicable

(4) Please provide such additional comment as you think appropriate. It would be of very considerable assistance if you could also attach any such further document that may be helpful.

The inpatient paediatric unit in Tyrone county hospital closed in 1996, and was replaced by an ambulatory day case ward which opened 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday. This unit was staffed by consultant paediatric staff from the Erne hospital, Enniskillen.

Any unwell children who required an overnight stay would be automatically transferred to the Erne Hospital. The only inpatient paediatric cases in Tyrone County Hospital were Ear Nose and Throat (ENT) cases who stayed overnight following tonsillectomies. These were healthy children who did not usually require fluid therapy.

Adult surgical services remained in Tyrone County Hospital until 2009. Fluids containing solution 18 may therefore have been in stock in Tyrone County Hospital during 2000 and 2001, but only would have been used for adult patients.

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

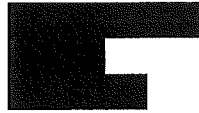
Signed:

Kuki Anand .

Dated:

13th July, 2013.

Dr Kuki Anand MBA
MBBCh FFARCSI



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GMC No: [Redacted]

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

- MBBCh (Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery) Queens University Belfast, 1975
- FFARCSI (Fellow of the Faculty of Anaesthetists of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland) Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, 1979
- MBA (Masters in Business Administration) The Open University, 1997

CAREER HISTORY

Current Post:

- **Consultant Anaesthetist.** South West Acute Hospital and Tyrone County Hospital, Western Health and Social Care Trust (formerly known as Sperrin Lakeland Trust). 1992-present

Previous Posts:

- **Locum Consultant Anaesthetist** – Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast 1990-1992
- **Anaesthetics Training Scheme** – Northern Ireland Department of Anaesthetics Training Scheme. Employed as an SHO, registrar and senior registrar between 1977-1988

MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

- **Clinical Director of Surgery and Anaesthesia - Sperrin Lakeland Trust between 1998-2004**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Throughout my career as a consultant anaesthetist in Tyrone County Hospital, I have been involved in teaching junior doctors and medical students at a departmental level.
- I have also been involved in teaching other members of the multi-disciplinary team at a ward and theatre based level.

PERSONAL INTERESTS

- I was nominated and selected for the position of Justice of the Peace in 2004

REFERENCES

- Available upon request