

Witness Statement Ref. No.

368/1

**NAME OF CHILD:** CONOR MITCHELL

**Name:** DR. M. HOGAN

**Title:** Consultant Paediatrician /Associate Medical Director of Integrated Maternity and Women's Health

**Present position and institution:**

Consultant Paediatrician /Associate Medical Director of Integrated Maternity and Women's Health,  
Craigavon Area Hospital/ Daisy Hill Hospital, Southern Health and Social Care Trust

**Previous position and institution:** Lead Clinician in Paediatrics, Craigavon Area Hospital

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

*Lead clinician Paediatrics Craigavon Area Hospital May 2003 to October 2007*

**Membership of Advisory Panels and Committees:***[Identify by date and title all of those between January 1995 - August 2013]*

*Consultant committee 2003-2007*

*Paediatric Guideline committee 2003-2007*

*Paediatric and Social Care Committee 2003-2007*

*Southern Area Blood Transfusion Committee 2003-2007*

*Labour Ward Forum Chair 2007 to present*

*SHSCT Integrated Maternity and Women's Health Guideline Committee*

*SHSCT Integrated Maternity and Women's Health Gynaecology Forum*

*Northern Ireland Neonatal Network ( chair March 2011-2013)*

*SHSCT Drug and Therapeutic committee 2008 to present*

**Previous Statements, Depositions and Reports:**

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

*Excerpt from Clinical and Social Care Governance Report for Paediatrics 2006*

**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*

(1) Please address the following,

- (a) State your professional qualifications and the date you obtained them. **Qualification MB.BCH.BAO 1984, Diploma in child health 1987, diploma in obstetrics and gynaecology 1988, fellowship in neonatology Toronto 1991-1994, Fellowship of American College of Paediatrics New York 1995, MBA Health and Social Care University of Ulster 2002**
- (b) State the date of your appointment to Craigavon Area Hospital, and the role to which you were appointed. **August 1996 in the role consultant paediatrician with a special interest in newborn medicine**
- (c) On what date were you appointed to the role of Lead Clinician in Paediatrics and for how long did you perform that role. **Date May 2003 to October 2007.**
- (d) Outline your responsibilities and main duties as Lead Clinician in Paediatrics at Craigavon Area Hospital. **Lead role organise weekly consultant meeting, responsibility for governance in dept, human resources, contact person for issues related to paediatrics.**
- (e) Describe your career history before you were appointed to Craigavon Area Hospital, and provide an up to date copy of your CV. **Worked junior hospital doctor Dublin 1984-1991, Neonatal Fellowship Toronto 1991-1994, Paediatric Residency 1994-1995 New York Cornell , 2 months locum DHH consultant**

DHH, Consultant newborn medicine St Louis Missouri 6 months 1996,  
Consultant Paediatrician 1996-present in Craigavon Area Hospital.

- (f) Describe your work commitments to the Craigavon Area Hospital from the date of your appointment, stating the locations in which you worked and the periods of time in each department/location. **Consultant paediatrician with a lead in newborn medicine outreach clinic in South Tyrone Hospital from 1996 to present.**
- (2) Describe in detail any education and training you have received in fluid management, the prevention of hyponatraemia and record keeping in relation to fluid balance, to include any particular training relating to fluid management in children, and provide dates and names of the relevant institutions/bodies, by reference to the following:
- (a) Undergraduate level **Lectures on fluid management and work-based placements.**
  - (b) Postgraduate level. **Lectures / tutorials/practical sessions on fluid management which included management on hyponatremia, Use of paediatric vade mecum**
  - (c) Hospital induction programmes. **I cannot remember specific induction on hyponatremia management, advice on fluid management would have been given by senior doctors on ward based assessments**
  - (d) Continuous professional development. **BMJ module on hyponatremia completed, along with discussions at consultant meetings and junior doctor forums**
- (3) The Chief Medical Officer published 'Guidance on the Prevention of Hyponatraemia in Children' in or about March 2002. The correspondence which explained the purpose of this Guidance was addressed to Consultant Paediatricians amongst others (Ref: 007-001-001).

Please address the following matters arising out of this correspondence:

- (a) Did you receive a copy of this correspondence? **I do not remember receiving a copy of this correspondence.**
- (b) If you did not receive a of this correspondence, how was the Guidance brought to your attention and state in particular:
  - (i) Who brought the Guidance to your attention? **It was brought to my attention by the lead consultant at that time.**
  - (ii) When was it brought to your attention? **2002**
- (c) Fully describe any steps that you took whether individually or as part of a group to take this Guidance forward within Craigavon Area Hospital, under any of the following headings:

- (i) By arranging for the Guidance to be displayed in relevant locations, or disseminated to relevant staff; **I remember discussion of the posters and the content at consultant meeting and junior doctor meeting and reviewing the posters with staff- nurses and doctors**
- (ii) By providing training, advice or information in respect of the application and use of the Guidance in clinical and/or nursing practice, or by arranging such training, advice or information to be provided; **As a consultant I was involved in implementing the recommendations, discussing with junior doctors the changes in fluid management**
- (iii) By taking steps to monitor the implementation of the Guidance; **I was not involved in any monitoring, I was aware of the on -going audits**

(4) Any other step.

- (5) Confirm that in or about 2002 you were Lead Clinician in Paediatrics and that you had involvement in a multi-disciplinary Paediatric Clinical Incidents Group. **I only took over as lead paediatrician in May 2003 and set up a Paediatric Clinical Governance group sometime later that year.**

If so, please address the following matters:

- (a) What was your role within this Group?
- (b) What was the function of the Paediatric Clinical Incidents Group?
- (c) When was it established?
- (d) What was its membership?
- (e) How often did it meet?
- (f) Did the Group take any steps as part of its work to ascertain whether clinicians and nursing staff working in the field of paediatrics complied with the CMO's 'Guidance on the Prevention of Hyponatraemia in Children'.

If so,

- (i) What steps were taken by the Group?
- (ii) How were those steps carried out?
- (iii) How regularly were those steps carried out and over what period of time?
- (iv) What conclusions were reached?

- (v) Were those conclusions recorded, and if so, where? If you hold any relevant records please provide copies to the Inquiry, or otherwise provide directions so that the Inquiry can seek the documentation.
- (vi) Was any action taken by the Group or others in light of the conclusions that were reached?
- (6) Have you ever received training in the use or application of the Guidance? If so, state,
- (a) Who provided you with training? **The training involved discussion with my consultant colleagues and junior medical staff. I also undertook the BMJ online module.**
- (b) When and on how many occasions have you been provided with such training? Discussion were on- going in the form of meetings and reviewing the changes brought about by these recommendations from 2002 onwards
- (c) What form did the training take? **As Above discussion and Online**
- (d) What did you learn from the training? **Consolidated my knowledge on fluid management**
- (e) Was the training of an adequate quality or standard for the work that you do?  
**Yes**
- (7) Have you ever received written information in relation to the use or application of the Guidance? **No** If so, please provide a copy and state,
- (a) Who provided you with the written information?
- (b) When did you receive it?
- (c) What did you learn from the written information?
- (d) Was the written information which was given to you of an adequate quality or standard for the work that you do?
- (8) Provide any further points and comments that you wish to make, together with any documents, in relation to:
- (a) The Guidance on the Prevention of Hyponatraemia.
- (b) Fluid management

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THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF 01-10-2013

Signed:

Dated:

Dr M. Mantura Hogan

01-10-2013