

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF: ANTHONY CHISAKUTA, REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONER

Name

Rank

AGE OF WITNESS (if over 21 enter "over 21"): OVER 21

NOT SIGNED IN POLICE OFFICER'S PRESENCE

I declare that this statement consisting of _____ pages, each signed by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence at a preliminary enquiry or at the trial of any person, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated this _____ day of _____

*SIGNATURE OF MEMBER by whom
statement was recorded or received*

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Re: Lucy Crawford (deceased) DOB: 05/11/98

I am a registered medical practitioner and was appointed to the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children (RBHSC), as a Consultant in Paediatric Anaesthesia and Intensive Care in 1997. I qualified in 1984 from the University of Zambia, Lusaka and my qualifications are BSC (Hb), MB, ChB, MSSC, FFARSCI.

This is a report of my involvement in the care of Lucy Crawford. I looked after her in the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU), RBHSC briefly on Thursday 13th April 2000 and on Friday 14th April 2000.

Lucy Crawford was a 17 month old girl who was transferred from the Erne Hospital in the early hours of Thursday 13th April 2000 to the PICU in RBHSC for further management. While in the Erne Hospital she had become unresponsive, with fixed dilated pupils and had required intubation and mechanical ventilation. A consultant colleague, who was on duty in the PICU, but busy attending to another child, had asked me to secure central venous access and an arterial line on Lucy, which I did between 0835 and 0850 hours on 13th April 2000.

On Friday 14th April 2000, I was on duty in the PICU. At 0850hrs and 1030hrs, Dr Hanrahan, Consultant Paediatric Neurologist in RBHSC, and I carried out brain stem viability tests on Lucy and sadly they were negative. As a result, brain stem death was diagnosed and following consultation with her parents, Lucy was disconnected from the mechanical ventilator at 1300hrs and by 1315hrs she had no heart beat. The Coroner's Office was contacted.

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