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**STATEMENT FROM Sr E MILLAR**

**Re: Racheal Ferguson**

Racheal Ferguson was admitted to ward 6 via Accident & Emergency Department on the evening of 7.6.01. Racheal had been diagnosed as having acute appendicitis and late that evening an appendicectomy was carried out.

Racheal had an uneventful post-operative night, her observations were within normal limits, her i.v. fluids of Solution 18 were in progress at 80mls/hour and overall her condition was stable.

At 7.50a.m. I came on duty on the morning of 8.6.01. Racheal was in good form, her dad was with her and she was bright and alert. Early in the morning the surgical SHO, Dr Zaffer, saw Racheal and was happy for her to have small amounts of clear fluids orally. The i.v. fluids were to continue as prescribed. Dr Makkar also saw Racheal shortly afterwards but made no change in her treatment.

During the morning Racheal became increasingly more mobile and was able to walk to the bathroom with her dad. Racheal also was sitting up on the side of the bed colouring in and generally being bright and happy. Racheal vomited undigested food at 10.30a.m. and again at 1.00p.m. and 3.00p.m. but not large amounts. Racheal continued to be stable and in good form and gave no cause for concern. Staff Nurse McAuley, the nurser looking after Racheal that day, rang the surgical SHO initially and then the SHO to come and give Racheal some i.v. anti-emetic for her vomiting at approximately 4.30p.m. They did not answer their bleeps immediately but a short time afterwards Dr Joe Devlin came to the ward to clerk in a new patient. Dr Devlin gave i.v. Zofran to Racheal at approximately 6.00p.m. I went off duty shortly afterwards.

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