

I am an Enrolled Nurse working on Children's Ward, Eare Hospital. I met Lucy Crawford and her parents following our handover from the day staff.

I was giving out the evening suppers at 8.30 p.m. I offered Mrs & Mrs Crawford a cup of tea and a drink of juice for Lucy. I went on with my trolley to give supper to the rest of the children on the ward.

I really had very little to do with Lucy until Mrs Crawford 'buzzed' in Cubicle 6 at 2.20 a.m. Lucy had a dirty nappy, some had got on the sheets, so Mum changed the nappy and I changed the sheets. The nappy was very foul smelling, the large nappy was very runny & very yellow in colour, it was very offensive.

At that Dr. Edmondson arrived into Cubicle 6, she commented on the smell, then she spoke to Mrs Crawford.

Mother settled Lucy down, she gave me a little glance, but when I saw she was angry at me I did not know what to do.

I put the nappy into the sluice room & reported the nappy to Mrs McMan she advised me to move Lucy and her a sideward.

2.30 a.m. I returned to Cubicle 6 and to Mrs Crawford, that she would be by off in a sideroom when she had done Mrs Crawford agreed and herself and I the cot & Lucy & the IV fluids up the to sideward no. 10. I moved the bed room over, so that I could put the cot. I went back down the ward and brought their belongings. When settled Lucy do then got into bed herself. I assured Mrs that we would be popping in and out to on Lucy through the night, but if she us she could 'buzz' and I showed her to push the buzzer.

2.40 a.m. I went to the treatment room, got blue for bottles, went to the sluice room second night - me

Nappy, then returned to the office to wake out my arms.

2:55 am. The buzzer sounded in sidewalk 10. I went down and met Mrs Crawford in the doorway.

"Nurse help Lucy help Lucy" was her words. Lucy appeared pale and rigid. I took the child and laid her in her cot, "I stepped to the doorway and called loudly on SN Mc Manus, she came immediately followed a couple of minutes later by SN T. Jones. I passed the O₂ mask to SN Mc Manus and turned on the O₂, I went out off the room and bleeped Dr Malik via switchboard; he came promptly. I went back to the room, SN Mc Manus asked me to go and get Pe deajepam, this I did. On returning to the room, I helped SN ~~Mc Manus~~ Jones to remove the bed from the room. I then pushed down the emergency trolley. I reassured the mother.

Then Dr O' Donoghue arrived followed approx 20 minutes later by Dr. Auterson. I was sent to the lab with blood. When I returned I was asked to go to Wd 5 for a c. sp.

When I returned, I stayed with the outside on the corridor outside the room. I also stayed in close proximity to, to be able to get any further equipment required.

4:40 am. Lucy was moved to I.C.U. SN Jones & doctors accompanied her.

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