

Neonatal

REF: 1.49/01/19/J

RE: RACHEL FERGUSON (deceased) DOB: 04.02.92

I am a registered medical consultant in paediatric anaesthesia and intensive care. I qualified from Queen's University, Belfast in 1976, and my qualifications are MB, BCH, FFARCSI.

Rachel Ferguson was admitted to the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit, Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children on 9th June 2001 at 1350hrs. She was transferred from Altnagelvin Area Hospital because she developed seizures and lost consciousness some hours following an appendicetomy. At the time of these events in Altnagelvin, she was intubated and ventilated and transferred to the Intensive Care Unit. A CT scan of her brain revealed cerebral oedema (brain swelling). On arrival at the Children's Hospital she was intubated and fully ventilated. She had no purposeful spontaneous movement and her pupils were dilated and unreactive to light. She had evidence of diabetes insipidus which was causing a high urine output and she was treated for this. Her serum sodium level on admission was 130mmol/l.

Brain stem death tests were performed on 9th June at 1730hrs and 10th June at 0945hrs by myself and Dr Hanrahan. Both tests confirming brain stem death. Ventilation support was discontinued at this time.

P. M. Crean

DR P M CREAN
CONSULTANT PAEDIATRIC ANAESTHETIST

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DATE: 11th January 2002

TO: Dr P Crean, Consultant Paediatric Anaesthetist

FROM: Mr A P Walby FRCS Ed, Associate Medical Director

REF: A.49/01/19/J

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Re: Rachel Ferguson (deceased) DOB: 04/02/92

We have received a request from Her Majesty's Coroner, for provision of statements in relation to the above patient. I should be grateful if you would provide a statement, outlining your part in the care of the above named. I enclose copy of the post mortem report for your information.

Your statement should commence with "I am a registered medical practitioner/registrar/consultant, etc". Please also specify when and where you qualified, together with a list of your qualifications.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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