

# STATEMENT OF WITNESS

PETER CREAN REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONER

STATEMENT OF:

Name

OVER 21 Rank

AGE OF WITNESS (if over 21 enter "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

*P. Crean*

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER by whom  
statement was recorded or received

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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 9<sup>th</sup> June 2001 at 1350 hours. She was transferred from Altnagelvin Area Hospital because she developed seizures and lost consciousness some hours following an appendicectomy. 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 130 mmol/l.

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

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*P. Crean*

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WHEN THE  
STATEMENT HAS  
BEEN WRITTEN

Form 38/36  
(Plain)