CORONERS ACT (Northern Ireland), 1959

Deposition of Witness taken on

the

day

of

(month),

(year), at inquest touching the death of

CONOR EDWARD JOHN MITCHELL

, before me MR J LECKEY LL.M

Coroner for the District of GREATER BELFAST

as follows to wit: -

The Deposition of DR RICHARD BRADY MB Bch BAO of c/o CRAIGAVON AREA HOSPITAL, 68 LURGAN ROAD, PORTADOWNdress) who being sworn upon her oath, saith

I was an SHO in ICU in Craigavon Area Hospital on Friday 9th of May 2003. I first saw Conor Mitchell at 10 05 am as part of the ICU ward round, which assessed patients who had been admitted over the previous night. As part of the assessment, the previous night's events were noted and Conor was physically examined. Investigation results were noted and a plan of action was discussed. Due to Conor's poor responses to any stimulation, the decision was made to formally test Conor's basic brain stem responses according to recognised protocol. Conor's responses to this test were minimal, however, given the presence of a response, and his small body size, the decision was made to arrange for Conor to be transferred to the ICU at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Belfast for further specialised treatment. During the remainder of the day, the Craigavon Area Hospital staff grade paediatrician assessed Conor. Conor was also catheterised and received intravenous fluids that were discussed with senior staff and adjusted in line with available investigation results. My shift at work was completed at 5 pm. This completed my contact and involvement with the above patient. I also take this opportunity to forward my sympathy and thoughts to Conor's parents, family and friends, for the loss that they have suffered in the wake of Conor's death.