

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF: **SAMUEL MORRELL LYONS**

Name

Rank

AGE OF WITNESS (If over 18 enter "over 18"): **OVER 18**

*To be completed
when the statement
has been written*

I declare that this statement consisting of 2 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 **29** day of **MARCH** **2006**

William R Cross

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SIGNATURE OF MEMBER by whom
statement was recorded or received

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

WILLIAM R CROSS, D/SGT

PRINT NAME IN CAPS

I am a retired Consultant Anaesthetist. I retired in 2000. In November 1995 I was a Consultant Cardiac Anaesthetist in the Royal Group of Hospitals with the qualifications OBE, MD, BSc, FRCA, FFARCSI. At the time I was also the President of the Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland and I was Chairman of the Central Medical Advisory Committee of Department of Health. I was primarily a Cardiac Anaesthetist but I had wide experience of paediatric cases for cardiac surgery. I also had wide experience of anaesthetics of paediatric ophthalmic surgery. I recall being present at a meeting with the Coroner along with Drs Murnaghan and Gaston in December 1995. It is my belief that I was present at that meeting because of my experience and status as an anaesthetist in the Royal Group. I agree that I would have suggested to the Coroner that it was important to obtain another paediatric anaesthetic opinion apart from Dr Alexander. This was because Dr Alexander did not have extensive paediatric experience. Due to the complexity of this case I thought it was important that the Coroner seek the opinion

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of a specialist paediatric expert. In response to questions by D/Sergeant Cross I can confirm that I have no recollection of being involved in any formal review or interviews of any of the doctors involved in the care of Adam Strain.

Certified to be a true copy of an original signed document.