

BRIEFING PAPER - ADAM STRAIN.

28 July 2005.

1. Date and Place of Birth – 4 August 1991 at Belfast.
2. Home – [REDACTED]
3. Father – [REDACTED]
4. Mother – [REDACTED]
5. Siblings – [REDACTED]
6. Date and Place of death – 28 November 1995 at the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children (RBHSC).
7. Cause of Death as found at Inquest – a. Cerebral oedema, due to b. Dilutional hyponatraemia and impaired cerebral perfusion during renal transplant operation for chronic renal failure (congenital obstructive uropathy).

History.

Adam was born with kidney and urinary difficulties that required repeated surgery. He suffered renal failure and required dialysis, but was progressing well. On the 27 November 1995 he was operated on to transplant a new kidney. This aspect of the operation was successful but Adam did not recover from the operation and was pronounced dead the following day. A Coroner's Post Mortem was performed on 29 November 1995 by Dr Armour with the findings as above at point 7. Mr Leckey, The Coroner for Greater Belfast, held an Inquest on 21 June 1996, and this concurred with the findings of the Post Mortem. Police have a copy of the Coroner's file.

Investigation.

On 26 July 2005 I briefed Dr Sumner in regard to our concerns regarding Adam, left him papers to review with an accompanying letter, and agreed that he will forward a draft report by 12 August 2005, with the intention of discussions thereafter with PSNI and then completion of a final report. It was agreed not to seek a nursing opinion in this case as the difficulties all occurred during operation, and Dr Sumner concurred with that decision. The FLO has spoken to the family on 27 July 2005 and informed them of our position.

The anaesthetist was Dr Taylor. He appears to be the main and only suspect at present, although there is a possibility that he had an assistant. Dr Sumner will clarify this.

William R Cross, D/Sgt.