

STEPHEN JOHN DUFFY

DOB: 31/1/65

On 38/36.

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Statement of Stephen Duffy

I arrived at the ward where my daughter Emma was in at Altnagelvin Hospital on the 8th June 2001 at around 8pm. My wife Elaine had been there during the day with Emma. I noticed that Raychel Ferguson was being very sick when I arrived. I also noticed that there did not seem to be any sick bowl. I went out to the corridor and got a paper mache sick bowl. I told one of the nurses that Raychel was still being very sick. I remember pulling the curtain around Emma's bed to give some privacy to Raychel and her family. I may have dozed off or was listening to music in my headset but in any event I was roused by voices. The voices seemed quite agitated and caught my attention. I remember what I thought to be a lady doctor's voice.

Before this I remember the nurses changing Raychel. She had been groaning and moaning. I do not recall the exact conversation between the nurses and Raychel but I do recall the groaning and moaning. There were words to the effect as best my memory can serve me to say that Raychel has had a "wee accident" and that her underwear needed changed. I remember what I believed to be a doctor shouting "Raychel, Raychel, Raychel". *The curtains were pulled and so I did not see which nurse it was.*

There seemed to be a certain degree of urgency in what the doctors were doing and I remember thinking at the time "this is not right". I am not sure how long this lasted and the next thing I remember is Raychel being taken out of the ward. There was a degree of calmness in the ward after Raychel left. In the early hours of Saturday morning the 9th June 2001 I met Raychel's mum, Marie and she told me something to the effect that the doctors had told her that there did not seem to be much hope for Raychel.

I do not recall seeing Raychel out of bed walking about after I arrived
Emma got home on that Saturday June 10th 2001. *at around 8pm on 8 June 2001.*

Myself and my wife discovered that Raychel had died after Emma got home.

Stephen Duffy

Witnessed

Name

Address

Occupation