

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF:

MARY BUTLER

Name

Rank

AGE OF WITNESS (If over 18 enter "over 18"): over 18 yrs

*To be completed
when the statement
has been written*

I declare that this statement consisting of page, 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 13 day of April 2006

William R Cross

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER by whom
statement was recorded or received

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Mary Butler

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I am a locum General Medical Practitioner with the following qualifications: MB, BCh, BAO, MRCP. On 8th June 2001 I was working as a paediatric medical Senior House Officer in Altnagelvin Area Hospital. At some stage on that morning, I cannot recollect precisely when, it would appear from the record on page 020-019-038, that I was requested by one of the nursing staff to continue prescribing fluids for a child, Raychel Ferguson. If I had been asked to see the child due to any concerns the nursing staff had, I would have examined her. If I had examined her I would have recorded my findings in the clinical records. Therefore if there is no record of me seeing the child in the clinical records that means I did not examine the child on 8th June 2001. I cannot state that the request was made by SN Rice nor can I state that the request was made at 1210 pm. Although I have no recollection of what I was told, I assume that I would have been informed that the child had her appendix out during the night and that she needed continuing fluids. I am not sure if I checked the chart to ascertain what fluids the child was receiving or whether I was told by the nursing staff. All that can be stated is that, at some stage on the morning of the 8th June 2001 I prescribed solution 18, 1 litre to be infused at a rate of 80mls per hour and filled in "1000" under amount, "soln 18" under the type of fluid, "80" under rate per hour and signed

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the chart 020-019-038. One of the enquiries I probably would have made is to ascertain how long it was after surgery as I would have been concerned if the child had been on fluids for more than 24 hours after surgery. I would also have enquired as to the general condition of the child. I cannot recollect the nursing staff expressing any concerns about the child. If they had done so I would have examined the child. The policy that time in Altnagelvin Area Hospital was that if paediatric patients needed fluids the fluids prescribed were solution 18. I had no paediatric experience in any other hospital prior to commencing work in Altnagelvin Area Hospital. I have been shown an entry on a yellow page in the original notes by D/Sgt Cross. These notes are marked WRC 11. I can confirm that the figures at the top of this page, which amount to a calculation, are not in my handwriting, and I did not write them. I prescribed the same fluid at the same rate as the original prescription because that was the appropriate response from me at that stage following surgery.

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PARENTERAL NUTRITION FLUIDS PRESCRIPTION SHEET

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