

'large' vomit, which the Sister described as 'medium to large'. Mr. Foster put it to her that at page 27 of the notes, the feed sheet, a large vomit was noted. Sister Millar said this sheet was that used for infants on bottle-feeding, she would not have used that sheet, did not know who did, and could not explain why it was used. It was further put to her that Mrs. Ferguson had thought the child was unwell during the period the Sister had no concerns, the Sister said she would be prepared to agree with the description of Raychel as being listless.

Mr. McAllinden asked if any observation as to vomit on page 37 of the notes was out of the ordinary. The Sister said it was not normal for 'large' vomit in such cases, but was at the same time not unusual, she had seen other cases with more. Mr. Leckey felt this line of questioning was unnecessary, as it did not affect his assessment of how Raychel had died. It was therefore unnecessary for him to continue.

Evidence of Staff Nurse Rice

Staff Nurse Rice again adopted her deposition. She clarified with the Coroner that there had been no vomiting between 6.00pm and 8.00pm. The 10.30am vomit in her words was not very large though it had been described as small. The witness agreed that Raychel had appeared to be recovering, and seemed fine apart from some discomfort, was bright and alert. She specifically recalled Raychel pointing out to her the 'y' missing from her name on the chart. She said she understood that Mrs. Ferguson did not agree with that description.

Mr. Foster confirmed that Staff Nurse Rice had not been involved with the prescription of No. 18 solution. She had never come across an instance of hyponatraemia. She accepted the vomit at 10.30am had been large. She said she had not made the entries on page 27 of the notes- it was not her writing, her entries began at page 29, at 9.00am. She stated that the observations at 1.00pm on temperature and respiration had been made by nurse Rolston.

Staff Nurse Rice described Raychel as not looking pale. As Mr. Foster began to go down this road of questioning about how unwell Raychel appeared, and when, he was again stopped by the Coroner.

The witness described starting work at 7.45am. She commented that Mr. Ferguson had been getting tea when Raychel pointed out the mistake on the chart. She noted no deterioration in the patient's condition, and she said this did not cause any concerns in her professional opinion. Again, she was aware of Mrs. Ferguson's disagreement.

With reference to the '+' system and the entries on page 37 of the notes Mr. suggested that there was a 'large' vomit at 10.00am, then two 'medium' ones. The Staff Nurse replied she had seen only one, but was aware Raychel had vomited, and that it was a 'medium' vomit from '+' '+' being noted. When asked if nurse Rolston had signed for the fluids, she said she did not know, and 'maybe' it had been. As before the Corner ruled these questions could go no further as Mr. Gilliland had addressed these points.

Mr. McAllinden asked Staff Nurse Rice when it was she last saw Raychel, to which she replied that it had been about 7-8.00pm when she was going off duty.

At this point both parents, who had been muttering throughout both nurses' evidence, shouted 'that's a lie', Mrs. Ferguson, crying, shouted 'my daughter died because of what you did and you're lying'. Shaken, the witness began crying. Mr. Leckey strongly admonished both parents, saying they would be removed if the behaviour was repeated, specifically saying to Mrs. Ferguson that but for the fact of who she was, she would have been removed by security staff. Mr. McAllinden asked no further questions.

Evidence of Staff Nurse Noble.

The Staff Nurse read her deposition with the following amendments-

- References throughout to 'committed' changed to read 'vomited'
- At page 2, paragraph 3, 'Surgical SHQ' changed to read 'Surgical JHO'
- At page 4, paragraph 2, 'Staff Nurse Gillespie' changed to read 'Staff Nurse Gilchrist'

Mr. Leckey clarified that *Flagyl* was an antibiotic. Again, the witness said she was unaware of hyponatraemia. She had been a nurse for fourteen years, with four years break, ten years in total. She became involved after Sister Millar before Raychel's fit.