

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF: MRS MAE ELIZABETH CRAWFORD

Name

Rank

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

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has been written*

I declare that this statement consisting of 3 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 18 day of JANUARY 2005

R Hall

Mae Crawford

*SIGNATURE OF MEMBER by whom
statement was recorded or received*

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The facts surrounding the treatment and death of my daughter Lucy are described in my deposition. I can add the following: The nurse who took Lucy's details at admission was Nurse McDowell, Staff Nurse. I am clear that Dr Malik attempted on Lucy's foot and back of both her hands to insert an intravenous line without success. I remember that he said if they couldn't insert the line Lucy would have to go to theatre to have one inserted in her neck. I was concerned at the number of attempts that were made to insert the line without success and I am convinced that at least eleven of these attempts were made. I remember feeling very hurt for Lucy and the pain that she must have been going through. I felt that both Dr Malik and Nurse Swift did not appreciate that they were dealing with a little girl who was only 17 months old. D/Sergeant Cross has asked me if I am certain that Nurse Swift and Dr Malik were talking about their private lives at this time. Yes, I am, definitely. They were talking about Dr Malik's trip to England. D/Sergeant Cross has asked me if I can recall any discussion about what type of fluid, rate of fluid and total amount of fluid were to be given to Lucy and if I can recall Dr O'Donohoe, Dr Malik and Nurse Swift discussing these. I can say that I have no recollection of anything in relation to the fluid regime other than a nurse set up a drip. D/Sergeant Cross has asked me if I am sure it was Nurse Jones who

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wheeled the drip counter and brought a cup of juice. I would say now looking back that when I made my deposition I was not really sure of the identities of some of the nurses and because this was done in such a short space of time I may be mistaken that it was Nurse Jones. D/Sergeant Cross has asked me if I recall the identity of the nurse to whom I spoke when Lucy did not appear to recognise her big sister and I would say that I cannot remember her name. I can also state that I cannot recall the identity of the nurse who was going to give me the bed opposite nor the identity of the nurse who brought me a cup of tea. D/Sergeant Cross has asked me about my conversation with Dr O'Donohoe after Lucy's death. This was in May 2000. Myself and Neville asked to meet him, he did not approach us nor has he done so at any stage. We met at the Erne Hospital. I asked him what happened to Lucy and he said he didn't know, he couldn't understand it. We asked about Lucy's notes and he said they were with Dr Kelly. We also had a number of questions written down to ask him, which we put to him. I don't have these with me, but I will provide them to the police. We didn't get any satisfactory answers from Dr O'Donohoe. Dr O'Donohoe did not indicate that there were any concerns raised in relation to Lucy's death nor did he mention that Dr Quinn was reviewing Lucy's notes. Anything we asked him he said he didn't know because he didn't have her notes with him. This appointment was made approximately one week in advance. D/Sergeant Cross has asked me about our conversation with Dr Hanrahan in Belfast. I remember him saying that he had a little girl the same age as Lucy and we still needed to get answers. He directed us back to the Erne for the answers. This meeting was in June 2000. Dr Hanrahan didn't mention to us any conclusions from the post-mortem or of any review being carried out. D/Sergeant Cross has asked me about our meeting with Dr O'Hara, Pathologist. He talked a lot about the bronchopneumonia. I found this meeting very difficult and I did have other questions I wanted to ask Dr O'Hara but was never strong enough to go back to see him. Dr O'Hara also did not mention any further reviews. D/Sergeant Cross has asked me when I became aware of the report by the Royal College of Paediatricians. I can say that I never knew of its

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existence until the Insight Programme in October 2004. I obtained a copy of the report in December 2004. D/Sergeant Cross has asked me if I can recall when the second set of blood tests were taken. I can say that no bloods were taken after the drip was set up and before the events at ten to three. D/Sergeant Cross has asked me about Sister Edmundson's role. She called at our home on a few occasions after Lucy died. Marion Doherty was Lucy's Health Visitor and she also called to visit on a few occasions. We had asked them on occasions what happened to Lucy or why she died but they had no answers. D/Sergeant Cross has asked me about my telephone conversation with Mrs Esther Millar at the Erne. I explained that I was saddened at Nurse Swift telling lies under oath. Nurse Swift said at the inquest that they don't call out a senior doctor to get a line unless they have tried three times. Dr Malik had tried to my recollection eleven times to do this without success. Dr Malik and Nurse Swift did have continued conversation about his forthcoming trip to England whilst he was inserting needles into my daughter's body. I remember this because I thought he should be focusing on my daughter. I should add that I always had a good relationship with Marion Doherty and in fact I rang her to go to my childminder after I had informed her that Lucy died. I spoke to Marion and asked her to go to Marilyn because she was devastated and I felt Marion was the best person to ask to support her.

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D/Sgt
D/Sergeant Cross

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Dated this

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The facts surrounding the treatment and death of my daughter Lucy are described in my deposition. I can add the following - the nurse who took Lucy's details on admission was nurse McDonald, staff nurse. I am clear that De Malik attempted on Lucy's foot and back of both her hands to insert an unlicensed line without success. I remember that he said if they couldn't insert the line Lucy would have to go to theatre to have one inserted in her neck. I was concerned at the number of attempts that were made to insert the line without success, and I am convinced that at least 11 or more attempts were made. I remember feeling very hurt for Lucy, and the pain that she must have been going through. I feel that both Dr Maier and Nurse Swift who was appreciative that they were dealing with a little girl who was only 17 months old. OSR Cross

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