

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF: GLADYS MARGARET ELIZABETH EDMONDSON

Name

Rank

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

*To be completed
when the statement
has been written*

I declare that this statement consisting of 2 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 21 day of JANUARY 2005

William R Cross

G Edmondson

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

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

PRINT NAME IN CAPS

I am the Night Manager at the Erne Hospital. I qualified as a State Registered Nurse at the Tyrone County Hospital in 1964, in June. I came to the Erne Hospital in November 1964 as a Staff Nurse, working in all departments until 1974 when I secured a relief Sister's post until 1992 when I became a permanent Night Sister or Night Manager. I can recall the events surrounding Lucy Crawford in Children's Ward on 12 April 2000. I knew Lucy and her mother well as they are neighbours at home and I recall the excitement when Lucy was born because she was a late child. I arrived that night on the Children's Ward as Lucy was having diarrhoea and I recall telling a nurse that Lucy needed to be moved to a side ward. That is standard practice in relation to infection control. I do not remember which nurse I spoke to but I know Lucy was moved to a side ward. My responsibilities as Night Manager were to supervise all the wards in the hospital. I had a particular responsibility to A & E that night because there was only one nurse on duty there and as well as assisting her I had to cover for her while she took a break. The same situation pertained in Gynae Ward. I recall that Children's Ward was very busy but had four trained staff on duty which is one more than may be present at other times. I cannot recall any requests for extra staff. I recall that Sally McManus was in charge that night. I remember getting an emergency bleep that night

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to go to Children's Ward. I cannot remember the time or if it came from switchboard or Children's Ward. I arrived at the ward and was informed of the situation. I realised it was Lucy. I was told she had a fit. I was told she was seriously ill. I believe Sally McManus and Thecla Jones were attending to Lucy. I ensured that Dr O'Donohoe had been called and an Anaesthetist. I ensured the family were cared for as best as possible. Mae Crawford was asked to leave the room and that is very difficult for a mother. I later learned Lucy was to be moved to ICU and I ensured the parents were made aware of this. I know that Lucy was transferred to Belfast and later died. That was very sad for me, for my colleagues and for the community. I remember calling at Mae's house afterwards and not being able to give a reason for Lucy's death as I did not know why Lucy had died. D/Sergeant Cross has asked me if I recall discussions afterwards about fluids. I can say that advice was circulated some time afterwards regarding fluids and hyponatraemia. I have heard no discussion between doctors or nurses regarding the specifics of the fluid regime and regarding who prescribed it and how it was prescribed. D/Sergeant Cross has asked me for my comments on a paragraph in the Review headed Documentation, which he has read to me. I would say the recording of the prescription for intravenous fluids must be completed by the doctor before the intravenous fluids are given and the need for accurate documentation is something which I and other supervisors continuously insist on. D/Sergeant Cross has asked me regarding the provision of support to the nurses. I would say that I did offer myself to the nurses for discussion. I thought at the time since I was known to be friendly to the family it may have been a barrier to the nurses availing of the offer. D/Sergeant Cross has asked me if I was aware 'at the time' of particular difficulties regarding Lucy's death that may lead to litigation. I would say that I did tell the staff it was likely some enquiries would follow Lucy's death but I never thought of litigation and it never was mentioned to me. D/Sergeant Cross has asked me if I was interviewed for Trust's Review. I was not interviewed and I did not know there was a review.

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Dated this 21 day of January 20 05

Walter Cross

G Edmondson

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