

STATEMENT OF DR. TREVOR ANDERSON

I, Dr. Trevor Anderson Consultant Obstetrician at Erne Hospital employed by Sperrin Lakeland Trust have made a Statement of my own free will. I understand that I do not have to say anything, but if I do not mention something which I later rely on in Court it may harm my defence.

I qualified in Medicine in 1968 at QUB. I specialised in Obstetrics and Gynaecology and obtained MRCOG in 1973. I worked in Rhodesia for 1 year, South Africa for 1 year Canada for 1 year, and 20 + years in South Africa at an Urban Mission Hospital in Durban. I worked in a Hospital in Durban as Consultant in charge of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and the last 7 of these years was working as Medical Superintendent as well as my clinical role. I was then involved in private practice for 5 years in South Africa and completed voluntary sessions at the Mission Hospital. On 1st April 1998 I became Consultant Obstetrician at Erne Hospital and also became Clinical Director some 12-18 months later. I resigned from the post of Clinical Director in March 2004 as I was almost 60 years of age and now continue as Consultant in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Erne.

At the time of Lucy Crawford's death I was Consultant Obstetrician and also held the position of Clinical Director of Women and Children's Health. As Clinical Director I reported to Mr. Fee Director of Acute Hospital Services in relation to management and administration issues and I reported to Dr. Kelly in relation to Professional staff Personnel matters. Myself, Mr. Eugene Fee, Mrs. Millar (Clinical Services Manager) and Dr Halikahoon (Consultant Paediatrician) met on a monthly basis to discuss the management of the two areas i.e. clinical issues and on administrative issues such as staffing, interviewing and protocols.

Dr, Kelly was the Medical Director involved in overseeing medical performance whereas Mr Fee was in charge of the administrative issues. They were both on the Senior

Hospital Management Team. Both reported to Mr. Mills, Chief Executive of the Trust. I did not report to Mr. Mills directly.

On 14th April Dr. O'Donohoe from Erne reported to Dr. Kelly that there had been an incident involving a patient, Lucy Crawford. It is a small Hospital and my recollection was that I heard informally and would have said to those involved to write up good notes. I cannot recall if this would have been before or after Dr. Kelly was notified.

Mr Fee advised me that he was approached by Mr Mills, Chief Executive of Sperrins Lakeland Trust and asked that he and I would carry-out a review of Lucy Crawford's care in Erne Hospital to include looking at the Notes to see if there had been any mistakes or lessons to be learned regarding the issues. This was in keeping with arrangements coming into place for reviews of clinical incidents or untoward events.

Mr Fee and I requested access to the Notes and went through them. It became apparent straight away that there were deficiencies in the Notes i.e. poor documentation. We had a Meeting with the majority of those involved to say that a review was being carried-out and that we would be seeking reports from each person involved to include:- Nurse McCaffrey, Nurse McNeill, Dr. Malik, Nurse Swift, Dr. O'Donohoe, Sister Traynor, Nurse McManus, Dr. Auterson and Nurse Jones.

To the best of my knowledge Mr. Fee wrote out to each of these parties and we considered the Reports which we received but upon looking at the fluids, drugs and dosages used we felt we would need an independent external opinion from a Paediatrician. I believe Mr. Mills sourced Dr. Quinn. I was not involved or consulted in his choice. Mr Fee and Dr. Kelly met with Dr. Quinn. I was on holiday when this Meeting took place. Dr Quinn later provided a Report to ourselves. I did not pen a letter to Dr. Quinn or discuss with him in advance of his compiling the Report regarding the ambit of his investigation. I have not met Dr. Quinn. I was aware he was retained and got a copy of his Report and I was content with that.

On the basis of the Reports from the staff and from Dr. Quinn Mr. Fee produced a draft Report and sought my recommendations. I wrote a Report on my findings to Mr Fee. He, then wrote a Report to Mr Mills which incorporated my recommendations.

When I was compiling information and considering matters for the purpose of my report I was in possession of the preliminary Autopsy Report not the final report but I understand that Dr. Quinn was advised of the content of the final report by Dr. Kelly and Mr. Fee. I had no further role other than that I received informal feedback regarding what was going on at our monthly meetings thereafter

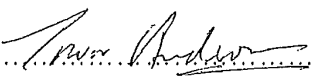
I had no contact whatsoever with Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children or Pathology regarding Lucy Crawford.

Dr. Asghar was a Staff Grade Paediatrician working in the Paediatric Department for a number of years. He was not involved directly in the Lucy Crawford case but he was critical of Dr. O'Donoghue's clinical management of the case. I cannot remember how and to whom he expressed this in the first instance. I discussed his criticism in relation to Dr. O'Donoghue's competence in the Lucy Crawford case with Dr. Halikahoon, who was the Senior Consultant in charge of the Department. She assured me that Dr. O'Donoghue in her opinion was not incompetent. He may have an unusual manner but she thought he was not incompetent. Dr. Halikahoon was the most Senior Consultant in the Paediatric Department and Senior to Dr. O'Donoghue.

There were personality clashes within the Department at a high level, none more so than between Dr. Asghar and Dr. O'Donoghue. There was an ongoing poor relationship between these two. When I heard of the criticism I felt it fair to take it to Dr. Halikahoon to see if the criticism was valid. I sought only an informal report from her on the Lucy Crawford case as it was felt that an in-house report from her would not have been sufficient. Her comments would have been informal.

Some time later Dr. Asghar penned a letter to Mr Mills alleging medical incompetence against Dr. O'Donoghue. I was also copied in on that letter as were others such as Dr. Kelly. In this Lucy Crawford's case and 3 other patients were mentioned. I recall discussing it with Dr. Kelly and he decided to call in the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCP&CH) and I agreed. They were brought in by Dr. Kelly. I got a copy of the report thereafter but was not present at any interviews with those concerned. I recall that Dr Ashgar then alleged incompetence and bullying by Dr. O'Donoghue against himself. Again the RCP & CH were involved and again they reported no evidence of incompetence or gross mismanagement.

I was not called to the Lucy Crawford Inquest.

Signed.....
Doctor Trevor Anderson

Dated this 11th day of May 2005