Witness Statement Ref. No. 011/		
NAME OF CHILD: Adam Strain		
Name: Victor Boston		
Title: Consultant Paediatric Surgeon		
Present position and institution: Consultant Paediatric Surgeon Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children		
Previous position and institution: as above [As at the time of the child's death]		
Membership of Advisory Panels and Committees: [Identify by date and title all of those between January 1995-December 2004]		
None		
Previous Statements, Depositions and Reports: [Identify by date and title all those made in relation to the child's death]		
None		
OFFICIAL USE: List of previous statement, depositions and reports attached:		
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Particular areas of interest

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1. Describe your role in the general care of Adam prior to his transplant surgery.

I was peripherally involved in Adam's care, mostly dealing with emergencies or urgent problems when On-Call.

His primary Surgical Consultant was Mr Stephen Brown.

My first involvement was on 8th December 1991, when I performed a left nephrostomy and insertion of a right external jugular central line, following his previous ureteric surgery about two weeks previously (049-029-097 and 050-008-031,032).

He had gastro-oesophageal reflux through 1992 and a Fundoplication was undertaken by Mr Stewart, Senior Registrar, in March 1992. I presume that this was under my name, but there is nothing in the notes to confirm this.

In March 1993 the parents had requested a second surgical opinion. I saw Adam and his family on 30 March 1993, at my Outpatients Clinic. I thought further investigations were necessary. He had a cystoscopy and PEG gastrostomy. There was no obstruction to his ureter.

In September 1994, he had a further peritoneal dialysis catheter inserted because of uncontrollable renal failure.

My last involvement was in October 1995, when Mr Surana, SpR, performed a left orchidopexy and change of gastrostomy. I presume under my name, although there are no written notes to confirm this.

- 2. Describe in detail your role in the preparation for the transplant surgery on Adam, including:
 - (i) meetings with other medical personnel; and
 - (ii) information sought and provided to other medical personnel.

I had no involvement in his work up to his renal transplant or the procedure itself, or his aftercare.

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Other points you wish to make including additions to any previous Statements, Depositions and or Reports [Please attach additional sheets if more space is required]		
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THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF		
Signed: Dated:	4.07.05	