Witness Statement Ref. No.

054/1

### NAME OF CHILD: Raychel Ferguson

Name: Fiona Bryce

Title: Staff Nurse

### Present position and institution:

Staff Nurse (Grade E) Ward 16 (D.C.U)

Altnagelvin Area Hospital

### **Courses Attended**

Back to Nursing Course (Jan 1991)

I.V administration of drugs and I.V Cannulation techniques (Nov 1995)

Care of child with diabetes (Nov 2000)

Moving and Handling (March 2001, Jan 2004)

Male Catheterisatian (October 2001)

Legal aspects of caring for children in hospital (June 2003)

PALS – (October 2003)

### Previous position and institution:

[As at the time of the child's death]

Qualified as Staff Nurse in 1980

I.C.U (R.B.H.S.C) Nov 1980 – April 1981

S.C.B.U (Altnagelvin Hosp.) June 1981 – Sept 1982

Break of Service (Approx 8 Years)

Paediatric Wd. (Altnagelvin Hosp) Bank Staff Nurse (Grade D) April 1991 - April 2000

P/T Lecturer (N.W.I.F.H.E) Sept 1996 – June 2000

Paediatric Wd. (Altnagelvin Hosp) Staff Nurse (Grade D) June 2000 - Sept 2001

Paediatric Day Case Unit (Altnagelvin Hosp) Staff Nurse Sept 2001 – present day.



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N/A		
Previous State	ements, Deposit	ions and Reports:
		e made in relation to the child's death]
None		
OFFICIAL USE List of previous		tions and reports attached:
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### Particular areas of interest

[Please attach additional sheets if more space is required]

- 1. Describe in detail your role in the treatment and care of Raychel Ferguson, to include:
  - (i) your observations and concerns in respect of Raychel over that period; and
  - (ii) your communications with Raychel and her parents during her stay at Altnagelvin.

I came on duty at 7.45pm on 7 June 2001 (Paediatric Wd 6) Staff Nurse Daphne Patterson, Staff Nurse Ann Noble and Staff Nurse Jo Hewitt also on duty. When Raychel was admitted I carried out initial observations, temperature, pulse, respiration, and blood pressure, all were within normal limits. I also weighed Raychel. (See page 020-015-028) On admission I also inserted Rayhcel's details on drug treatment sheet namely, date admitted, age, sex, weight, hospital no, surname and Christian name. (See page 020-017-033) I filled in name and hospital number on drug sheet (See page 020-017-035) and drug administration record (See 020-017-036) I checked with Staff Nurse Daphne Patterson the initial bag of fluid put up. (See page 020-021-040) My next recollection of Raychel is taking her down to theatre and offering reassurance to her as she was nervous. Raychel's mother was with her when she was in theatre. I handed her over to theatre staff. I don't recall any other involvement after her return to the ward. I was off duty at 8.00am on 08/06/01.

The best summary of my concerns are that I would have had are contained within the care plan although I would not use the exact words as set out in the plan. Of course the main concern was the comfort and care of a young child in a hospital environment.

I came on duty at 7.45pm on the evening of 8 June 2001. I was dealing with other children on the ward until 12.30am on 9 June 2001, when I went into room I, I noticed Raychel was a little unsettled and I noticed a small amount of vomit on pyjama top and pillow case. I spoke to her and asked her if she was o.k, she responded but I cannot recall what she said. I was not concerned by Raychel's condition. I asked for assistance and we changed her pyjama top and pillow case and she appeared to settle after that and went back to sleep. I checked her intravenous site and marked up her drip to ensure correct amount and rate and recorded this in fluid balance sheet at 1.00am (See page 020-018-037) My next involvement in the treatment of Raychel was after she had suffered a fit. Staff Nurse Noble asked me to take her observations. I recorded her pulse and blood pressure at 4.10am on 09/06/01 (See Page 020-016-032) I then went and opened the emergency trolley and took cover off it. Raychel was brought up to the treatment room. I remained in treatment room to assist other staff.

I cannot remember details of my involvement. I remember opening a door for Mrs. Ferguson when she was following Raychel down to the Intensive Care Unit. I had no further contact with Raychel or her parents.

2.	Give details of all communications you had with the family of Raychel Ferguson after her transfer to
	RRHSC and thereafter

None



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3. Describe any contact you had with colleagues at RBHSC following Raychel's transfer from Altnag	gelvin.
None	



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]	ŀ
<u>Hyponatraemia</u>	
My Understanding of hyponatraemia was low sodium. I had not encountered problems with sodium balance in a surgical patient before. I was not aware of any problems encountered with Solution 18 in the past. I regarded Solution 18 as being safe for use in Paediatrics'.	
Signed: 1,000 Dated: 30 06 05	

Reg. No. D....1372.....

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It is hereby Certified that

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 and that She is entitled, in pursuance of the Nurses and Midwives Act (Northern Ireland), 1970, to take and use the title of "Registered Sick Children's Nurse" without limit of time.

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The Seal of the Council was hereunto affixed this

Twelfth day of December, 19.80

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### Certificate of Attendance

To certify that FIDNA BRYCE

has attended a Study Day on Care of the Child with Diabetes

Duration of Lecture 1 day 9an - 4pn

Signature Accept Date 20/11/2000



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## Criticate of Attendance

is awarded to

Fiona Bryce

who attended the undermentioned In-Service programme

Moving and Handling

Duration 1

28 March 2001

Date(s)

Anne Canning In-Service Nurse Teacher

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### Certificate of Aftendance

is awarded to

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who attended the undermentioned In-Service programme

Male Catheterisation

Duration ,

24 October 2001

Date(s)

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Flour BRYCE

who attended the undermentioned In-Service programme

Legal Aspects of Caring for Children in Hospital

Duration 1/2 Day

Date(s) 3 June 2003

Melani Mashall In-Service Nurse Teacher