

Witness Statement Ref. No.

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NAME OF CHILD: Adam Strain

Name: Abdusamea Shabani

Title: Dr

Present position and institution:

Consultant Paediatric Radiologist

Royal Manchester Children's Hospital

Previous position and institution:

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

Royal Victoria Hospital Belfast

Radiology Registrar 1994-98

Membership of Advisory Panels and Committees:

[Identify by date and title all of those between January 1995- November 2011]

Regional Royal college of Radiologist committee group

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 statements, depositions and reports attached:

Ref:	Date:	

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS FOR ANSWERING:

Please attach additional sheets if more space is required. Please identify clearly any document to which you refer or rely upon for your answer. If the document has an Inquiry reference number, e.g. Ref: 049-001-001 which is 'Chart No.1 Old Notes', then please provide that number.

If the document does not have an Inquiry reference number, then please provide a copy of the document attached to your statement.

(1) State the times at which you were on duty between 26th and 28th November 1995 and in particular:-

(a) Whether you were present in the hospital or

Not on call on 26th November. On 27th & 28th November I was in Neuroradiology department as second year radiology trainee.

(b) Whether you were on call.

No

(2) Describe what you considered to be your role in relation to, and responsibilities towards, Adam Strain and his family whilst you were on duty.

I have no recollection of the event.

(3) Describe any contact you had with Adam or his family including when, where and what occurred during that contact.

I have no recollection of the event.

(4) Describe and explain any discussions you had with any medical personnel in relation to Adam whilst you were on duty.

I have no recollection of the event.

(5) Please find attached a form to request a pre-treatment chest x-ray which was completed by a Dr Donagh O'Neill, SHO at the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children (RBHSC) on 26th November 1995 and was filed in Adam's records (Ref: 057-019-028). The reverse of the form was not completed (Ref: 057-019-029).

(a) Explain the procedure by which a SHO on the ward would request a chest x-ray from the radiology department in November 1995.

I was not working in children's hospital at the above date.

(i) Identify any protocols and/or guidelines which were in operation in November 1995 in regard to requests for chest x-rays.

I have no idea of any protocols or guidelines regarding requesting chest X-ray.

- (b) State whether you were aware of a chest x-ray being requested by Dr Donagh O'Neill from radiology on the evening of 26th November 1995. Explain the reasons for your view. If you have no direct knowledge of the position, then state whether you consider that a chest x-ray was properly requested by Dr Donagh O'Neill from radiology on the evening of 26th November 1995. Explain the reasons for your view.

I was not working in children's hospital at the above date.

- (c) Explain if there is any significance to be attached to the fact that:

(i) The request form was filed in Adam's records.

(ii) The reverse of the form was not completed.

Explain the reasons for your view.

I was not working in children's hospital at the above date.

- (d) Explain whether, in November 1995, it was the standard role and/or practice of a radiologist to interpret chest x-rays that were requested from the ward/PICU.

I was not working in children's hospital at the above date.

- (6) Please find attached a copy of the report of a CT scan performed on Adam (Document #1 attached). You are noted as the radiologist alongside Dr C.S. McKinstry.

- (a) State the time and date of this CT scan. In particular:

(i) Explain why the "Time In" is stated as "09.47"

The scan was performed on the 27th but I do not remember at what time.

I am not familiar with the significance of this time.

(ii) State the date of the "Time In" of "09.47"

See 6a(i)

(iii) Explain why no "Time Out" is noted.

See 6a(i)

- (b) Explain why no "Radiographer(s)" are noted.

I do not know. Best to be answered by Dr Mckinstry.

- (c) Identify the person who asked you to perform or interpret the results of this CT scan, state when they asked you to do that and by what means.

It was a normal practice for the second year registrar to report CT scans under supervision the Consultant neuroradiologist. I have no idea who asked for the scan.

- (d) State if you were told anything about Adam's case before you interpreted the CT scan results. If so, state what you were told, by whom, when and by what means. If not, explain why.

I do not remember.

- (e) In particular, state whether anyone told you that Adam may have had "diffuse brain oedema" before you performed / interpreted the CT scan. If so, state what you were told, by whom, when and by what means.

See the above answer.

- (7) Please find attached a further copy of the report of a CT scan performed on Adam (Document #2 attached). Again, you are noted as the radiologist alongside Dr C.S. McKinstry.

- (a) Explain why there are two versions of this document (i.e. Document #1 and Document #2).

I have no idea why there are two versions of this document.

- (i) Identify and explain any differences between the two versions.

In my opinion there is no difference between both versions.

- (b) Explain why it states "CAT SCAN OF BRAIN 27-NOV-95 09:47".

I can't explain.

- (8) State if there were any other CT scans performed on Adam Strain other than the one reported in Documents #1 and #2 above. If so:

- (a) Identify them.

I am not aware of any scans been performed apart from the scan I reported with Dr Mckinstry.

- (b) Explain when and why they were taken and at whose request.

See 8a.

- (9) Describe in detail the education and training you received in fluid management (in particular hyponatraemia) and record keeping through the following, providing dates and names of the institutions/bodies:

- (a) Undergraduate education.

THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be a stylized name or set of initials.

Dated: 2.2.12