



STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF WILLIAM JOHN GRAY

DATED THIS DAY OF 2006

1. I, WILLIAM JOHN GRAY, of an address known to the Robert Hamill Inquiry, declare that this statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence at the Inquiry I will 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.

2. In April 1997, I was a consultant neurosurgeon at the Royal Victoria Hospital ("RVH"). I continue to hold that post. I have no recollection of being involved in the care of Robert Hamill but looking at the medical records it would appear that I was present at the time of his death. The records to which I'm referring include a handwritten note by Mr Patel dated 8 May 1997 at 1645 hours and is now produced and shown to me marked "WJG1". Unfortunately, this is not an uncommon event in acute neurosurgery and I don't recall any specific details of this death.

3. It is possible that I did see Mr Hamill at some stage during his admission to hospital as the practice at that time was for all the consultants to look after all the patients. It is therefore quite possible that I was involved in seeing Mr Hamill on certain days but I don't have any personal recollection of Mr Hamill's case and I can find no reference in notes to any decisions that I made regarding his treatment during that period of time.

4. I have looked today at the autopsy report and all I can say is that I do not have any disagreements with Professor Crane's conclusions. My view, from a casual review of the notes copies of which I received today, is that Mr Hamill died from the effects of a brain injury. I'm afraid there is nothing further I can add.

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SIGNED:

John Gray

DATED:

17/8/06