

information may have come from the CAH notes at pages 38669 and 38670 or I it may have been passed on to me verbally.

11. The clinical notes for 27th April 2007 at page 38602 show a short entry by me at 11.15 which reads: "*Collar off. Note he was wearing a neck support. Neck X-Ray is here. Allow him to waken up*". I would have been involved in taking the collar off.
12. When I first saw Mr Hamill he was deeply unconscious. He would have been chemically paralysed and sedated, and on a ventilator. I do not recall whether he had any open wounds or a wound to the back of head and none is recorded in the notes. I have read in the notes that Mr Hamill had a bruise on the left temporal region, although I did not record this. I have also seen the reference in Mr [REDACTED]'s notes at 38601 to there being a scalp haematoma but I cannot recall this either.
13. Mr Hamill had a CT scan when he was admitted to RVH before I saw him. The CT scan report is contained at page 38703. The scan showed only that there was "*soft tissue swelling in the scalp over the left temporo-parietal region and also over the right temporo-occipital region*". The scan showed no focal abnormality, that is to say there was no blood clot either on the surface of the brain or within the substance of the brain.
14. My view after I initially examined Mr Hamill on 27th April was that he had a closed head injury, as a result of which he was deeply unconscious. The results of the CT scan, combined with my overall impression of that type of injury, led to me think that whilst Mr Hamill was still deeply unconscious, he did not have a major head injury. We felt that he would probably start to wake up over a period of days.
15. I also note here that the initial CT scan report refers to "*a little prominence of the subarachnoid space*" then concludes, "*Appearances suggest a mild degree of*