

had to be ordered from the British Library or other sources and they could take weeks to arrive. It was absolutely necessary to have and review the literature in this complex case. Some degree of the complexity is reflected in the expert opinions obtained from other sources, and the research papers alluded to in the remainder of this report.

- Despite all of these factors my report was ready about three months after the brain dissection which is in very good time considering the points discussed above. My report was typed on 29/10/97 and I can think of no mechanism by which a proper report could have been safely prepared any quicker.

4. This is the first statement that I have given in relation to the death of Mr Hamill.
5. Once I had examined the brain I would normally have recorded my thoughts on the brain pathology. I can confirm that a copy of these is at page 31395, although the report I would have sent to Professor Crane would have contained 2 additional pages containing a clinical summary. Professor Crane would then assimilate my opinions into his Autopsy Report (pages 09559 to 09569). At any stage that there may have been discussion between us. I would have had the opportunity to discuss the findings and clarify any issues in the understanding of my report before he finished his report.
6. Before my examination Professor Crane would have provided me with a clinical summary of the case. The information in that clinical summary appears in Professor Crane's manuscript notes of the examination under the 'history' section on page 31515 with a continuation on page 31519. I would normally have dictated my findings on a tape and not written any notes. Therefore I have no written notes on this case and the dictation tapes are not routinely retained. I do not specifically recall whether I saw Mr Hamill's hospital notes, containing pages 38549 to 38724, 38950 to 38951 and 38972 to 38973, but I may have done. Professor Crane may have had them and I could have seen them if I had wanted. Anything in the notes detailing the tests and the results of tests carried