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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF GAVIN LAVERY

DATED THIS DAY OF 2008

I, GAVIN LAVERY, 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.

1. The Inquiry has disclosed a number of documents to me. Where I make specific reference to a document in my statement I have given the number of the relevant page.

2. I have a MD, BCH, BAO Honours degree from Queen's University of Belfast dated 1979. I also have a MD by thesis dated 1986. I am a Fellow of the College of Anaesthetists RCSI. I am currently a Consultant in anesthesia and intensive care at the Royal Hospitals Trust, Belfast and I am Director of Critical Care Services in the Trust.

3. In April 1997 I worked in the same department as I do now at the Royal Victoria Hospital (RVH) and I was a Consultant in intensive care and anaesthesia. Along with my colleagues, I was responsible for providing the senior medical input into the care of patients in the intensive care unit (ICU). I was not directly involved in the care of Robert Hamill until 29 April 1997, the day on which he was transferred from the ICU to the Neurosurgical Unit.

4. The clinical notes contained at page **38599** show that Mr Hamill arrived at the hospital by ambulance at 06:30 on 27 April 1997 having been transferred from Craigavon Area Hospital (CAH). According to the notes contained at pages **38599**