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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF DR. SAMANTHA SLOAN

DATED THIS 7th DAY OF APRIL 2008

I, SAMANTHA ANNE SLOAN, 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 am a Consultant of general surgery and a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in Dublin. I also have a MD from Queen's University, Belfast.
3. In April 1997 I was a Senior House Officer attached to the neurosurgery unit at the Royal Victoria Hospital. I had ward, outpatient and theatre duties, as well as an on-call commitment that covered the neurosurgery and neurology wards overnight. I think I had been working on this attachment since February 1997.
4. At that time the consultants in the department were Mr Fannin, Mr Gray, Mr [REDACTED] and Mr [REDACTED]. The registrars were Mr Patel, Miss [REDACTED] Mr [REDACTED] and, I think, Mr [REDACTED].

Mr Hamill's admission