

ORIGINAL

Submission

No 61

INQUIRY INTO THE ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL

Name: Mr Brian William Dugan

Date Received: 15/11/2007

Theme:

Summary

Partially Confidential

PREMIERS DEPARTMENT: state government. HEALTH enquiry.

ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL.

Department:EMERGENCYCMO....Dr Robert Day.

Patient.Brian W Dugan.

Date of Attendance:22nd October.

Doctor:Dr Tom Wallis.

Complaint Rating:Very Serious complications.

Enquiry Committee.

Sir/For some time since my fearful experience I have been trying to access a proper response from the hospital and the doctors concerned.I have been seeing the patient rep. but she has been over whelmed by enquiries and has not collated a proper report.I still don't have any explanation as to what happened but I can assure you it was a terrible experience and the closest I have ever been to death.

I'm very anxious to have my story told as it has elements of the famous film 'One Flew Over the Cuckoos Nest'...I'm not adding that observation from any form of humour!This is the second negative experience with EMERGENCY for me and this has to be weighed with the very same department saving my life in 2001!!!The decision to ask the Committee to look at my case has not been taken lightly.

Brian W Dugan.

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Visit 2:

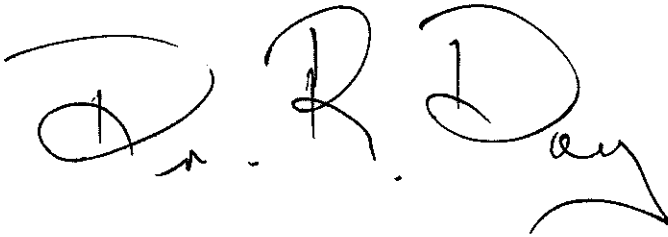
Copy: Dr R Day.
Patient Rep. RNS.

Dear Dr Day/
On 12/4/2001 both my legs were treated
as Trauma Emergency by Doctors Cockburn(ED)
Lennon(ED)
Mackon
and Taylor(SR).

In essence they seemed to have saved my life along with the
help of the ambulance service.

I was very grateful...it was ,they tell me,a very difficult
job.All this makes my experience on the 22nd even more painful!
What has happened?Has there been 'outside' input?I would be
very pleased to speak with you should you find the time before
the enquiry

BWD Nov.'07.

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CONFIDENTIAL....Dr. Robert Day:CMO EMERGENCY..RNSH.

PATIENT:Brian William DuganHospital Admin. slip encl.

PAR.:(1)

You may have received copy of my bleak and dangerous experience I encountered when admitted to EMERGENCY ON Oct.22nd.I have a urinary tract infection,caused by excessive time in my wheelchair,a condition which seemed to be worsening.I did try four GP/Clinics in the Cremorne area without finding a vacancy; a situation which led me to RNSH EMERGENCY.

Par.:(2)

Dr.Tom Wallis.

The first unusual occurrence was my very speedy movement from Triage to the duty Doctors surgery.I was put in front of other patients and was called almost at once by Dr. Wallis despite my low priority rating.

Dr Tom Wallis (2)

Dr Wallis was very unusual in his approach and seemed to have a mixed agenda.He quickly organised the necessary tests. After a long preamble and diagnosis he gave me a letter for my GP but no script! He then left EMERGENCY having a few cheery words with a young Irish Doctor(Triage refused to give me his name for this report.)BUT NOT AS A SET MEMBER OF THE SHIFT,it was more as a one off task.

Dr Tom Wallis(3)

I then went and checked the duty board.Dr Wallis was not on the board.

Notes/Additions.***

Copy: Pat rep.
Dr Day.

PAR.:(3)

MEDICATION....DISPENSED WITHIN EMERGENCY.

On arrival I received two large oblong pills from the senior 'link' nurse. One for pain, one for the irritant. The pills were the same size but different colours. On enquiry I was told they belonged to the Panadeine ForteI think this was the medication that made me lose control and urinate in the corridors of the third floor.

On leaving I received a large white pill, an antibiotic called Trimethoprim. This pill was given to me by a young woman Doctor previously unseen. She gave me only a smidgen of water to wash it down. The most noteworthy aspect of the third pill is that it bore no resemblance to the packaged Trimethoprim I was to be given at 'emergency' two days later.

PAR.:(4)

Violent Illness!!

After urinating in the corridor I returned to Triage and was told by the charge nurse that antibiotics sometimes cause this reaction. On reaching home I slipped into a state of ill health. I did consider calling an ambulance but slid into a long sleep; a very fitful sleep indented with urine incidents. Next morning I returned home ie my second home the RNSH EMERGENCY but failed to find a parking spot. Once again I returned home and once again slept, not waking until the next day. I was aware of my surroundings but with less definition. I have never experienced such a sense of extreme illness and a possibility of death.

PARA.:(5)

Arrival & Departure.

When I arrived at RNSH EMERGENCY I was feeling a little uncomfortable with a burning sensation on urinating. On leaving I was already showing signs of being very ill. The drugs I was given caused agony, anxiety and loss of control of my urination and general maintenance of my metabolic equilibrium ie homeostasis disrupted. Very difficult days. Not what I hoped for from the same department that saved my life six years earlier!

BWD:Copes.
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Copy: Dr Day. Pat. rep. R.N.S.