

**MUCKAMORE ABBEY HOSPITAL INQUIRY
WITNESS STATEMENT**

Statement of Pauline Adair

Dated 25th April 2024

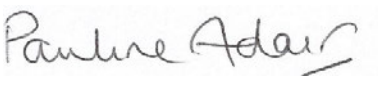
I, Pauline Adair, make the following statement for the purpose of the Muckamore Abbey Hospital (MAH) Inquiry. This is my second statement to the Inquiry having previously provided a statement to the Inquiry dated 17 April 2024 (MAHI – STM – 232 - 1).

In exhibiting any documents, I will number my documents so my first document will be “Exhibit 1”.

1. In paragraph 10 of my first statement, I refer to email exchanges between a trainee who was on placement in MAH in November 2017. These emails related to concerns raised by the trainee during their placement in MAH.
2. I attach a copy of this email exchange to Exhibit 1 of this statement, as requested by the Inquiry.
3. At paragraph 6 and 7 of my first statement, I provided data from 2002. I can confirm that data pre-2002 is not available because as far as I can ascertain the records have not been retained that would allow us to see this data.

Declaration of Truth

The contents of this witness statement are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have produced all the documents which I have access to and which I believe are necessary to address the matters on which the Inquiry Panel has requested me to give evidence.

Signed: 

PAULINE ADAIR

Date: 25th April 2024

List of Exhibits – Pauline Adair

Exhibit 1: Email exchange with trainee – November 2017

From: [David Curran](#)
To: [Pauline Adair](#)
Subject: Fw: Muckamore Abbey Placement
Date: 17 April 2024 15:46:25

Hi Pauline,

Below is email communication from 2017

From: David Curran
Sent: 01 December 2017 15:38
To: Pauline Adair <P.Adair@qub.ac.uk>
Subject: FW: Muckamore Abbey Placement

Hi Pauline,

I managed to get speaking to **H291** this afternoon. I think she was a bit taken aback by the email from **RO1** and wasn't sure from his email whether he would be back on placement to Monday.

Further to your email I reassured her that we were keen to try to ensure the placement remained viable and to that end we were keen to have a mid-placement meeting asap. I also asked that if she could explore whether it might be possible to access some more community facing work through other colleagues in LD in Belfast Trust. She agreed to explore this.

H291 stated that the start to placement has been slow **RO1**

H291 also stated that due to nature of the placement the type of referrals to the service can be a bit unpredictable, and that recently more of the referrals had been for severe / enduring presentations and therefore more challenging (though this isn't always the case). She highlighted that often work in this setting is less 1:1 and more working with systems and this was very much available. She felt the most recent supervision session went well and they had generated a list of activities for **RO1** to get engaged in. **H291** stated that **RO1's** name is down for break-away training in January (there were no spaces remaining at a more recent training).

Re midplacement meeting - I mentioned to **H291** that you may have some availability on Wednesday to meet with her (and she indicated that weds might well suit). I wouldn't be able to do anything sooner than that. Do you want to link with her about Wednesday? Otherwise I should be able to meet with them the following Tuesday (12th).

Let me know what you think?

Thanks

David

From: David Curran
Sent: 01 December 2017 11:06

To: H291 [redacted]; H291's email address [redacted]; Pauline Adair
<P.Adair@qub.ac.uk>
Subject: RE: Muckamore Abbey Placement

Hi H291,

Sorry I missed your call – feel free to give me a call on my mobile – RO1 [redacted].

Best

David

From: H291 [redacted]; H291's email address [redacted]

Sent: 01 December 2017 09:59

To: Pauline Adair <P.Adair@qub.ac.uk>

Cc: David Curran <d.curran@qub.ac.uk>

Subject: RE: Muckamore Abbey Placement

Hello Pauline

Many thanks for your email. It is greatly appreciated. I noticed RO1's [redacted] email just before leaving the office yesterday and decided to take time to reflect prior to responding. It is most helpful to have your initial views on the situation now too.

I acknowledge there are additional pressures on site relating to the issue you have identified. I also agree that I do wish to support RO1 [redacted] and would most definitely welcome an opportunity to discuss this further with either yourself or David. I will give David a ring shortly to arrange.

Kind Regards

H291 [redacted]

*Dr H291 [redacted]
Specialist Clinical Psychologist*

*Clinical Psychology Service
Muckamore Abbey Hospital*

Tel: H291's phone number [redacted]

Hours of work: Monday- Thursday 9am-5pm

From: Pauline Adair [<mailto:P.Adair@qub.ac.uk>]

Sent: 30 November 2017 23:03

To: H291 [redacted]; H291's email address [redacted]

Cc: David Curran <d.curran@qub.ac.uk>

Subject: RE: Muckamore Abbey Placement

Importance: High

Dear H291 [redacted]

RO1 met with David and myself today following an email to me yesterday outlining concerns on his placement. I am sorry that he has written to you like this. I am not sure we got to the bottom of what his concerns are beyond the recent scandal to hit Muckamore. Clearly there is something going on for him and we want to support him as I am sure you do. We do not agree at this moment in time that an alternative placement is the only solution. I think the best thing will be for either David or myself (depending on availability) to meet with you and have a chat.

I am conscious that you may be dealing with additional pressures at Muckamore currently so do not want to add to that. I have availability on Wednesday afternoon next week if that suited and David later in the week is likely to be available. Let us know what suits you. Alternatively, if you are concerned about RO1's email please feel free to call me on my mobile RO1.

Kind Regards
Pauline

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From: RO1
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 4:14 PM
To: H291
Cc: Pauline Adair; David Curran
Subject: Muckamore Abbey Placement

Dear H291,

I have become concerned that owing to the recent pressures in Muckamore Abbey Hospital that the system is challenged to such a level that it is not a suitable environment in which to train. I have raised my concerns with the course director Pauline Adair and have asked for an alternative placement to be arranged.

RO1

Kind Regards,
RO1

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