

Witness Statement

Witness name: JOHN W MCDONALD
Statement number: S187
Date of Statement: 20/03/2017 14:09

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Evidence

Monday 20 March 2017 at 14:09-14:24 hours

Audio recorded interview with Dr. John McDONALD of the Willet Medical facility in Paris.

Has seen the e-mail dated 20 April 2016 from Telfer Place to Lifeguard, second paragraph read to Dr. McDONALD :-
"Further the physician was in today and brought up concerns related to Beth as well and did not feel confident in her abilities to assess our Residents and carry out basic nursing duties. The physician also mentioned that he felt she lacked accountability as a nurse and to the Residents of the home."

- he recalls a conversation but not the exact words
- he recalls a conversation with the Director of Care at the time, expressing a difference in the process while on call physician
- noted that there was a difference in the level of work between agency staff and regular staff
- he believes it was Ms. WETTCLAUFER, Beth
- he would have to confirm that with the record
- he recalls writing something on a patient on a call in
- he recalls there was an association of how the direction of service capacity and care at the home
- he recalls being called in and was particularly concerned that some of the details were not easily forthcoming or at all and had to do a lot of discerning of the situation
- he does not recall the details of the situation as he has many, it was an on call event that he had to attend to a patient
- he advises it would be a medical concern of any kind, a change in condition of any kind, a new or changed event, any regard where the nurse would be concerned
- he advises that call in event was the primary course of concern for that individual, she was not the only agency nurse
- his recollection is the difference in overall care between agency and regular staff
- He recalls that he believe his particular recollection was not one of his patients but one of the other doctors, it would mean looking at the census, orders and progress notes where his name was part of it for that date, because he may or may not have billed for the service, which would normally be his primary record, and any records of the event would be in the chart of records

He could look in his records of billing for 20 April 2016, but can pretty much guarantee there won't be anything there

- he advised that other doctors at the home are PIERCEY, RAJA, TOMALLE, VLAAR,
- can only tell you my recollection

Dr Williams was quite certain who had worked during his absence and that it was you?

- he advised that Dr. Williams would have his call schedule, so wouldn't argue with that
- he advised that he is pretty sure it was him and he recalls Ms. WETTCLAUFER
- he advised that he would just have been there that one day, and based on when I was on call
- a Wednesday he would be there anyway
- he advised it would have to be a search for that date
- he knows that it was something to do with insulin and that she treated them badly
- he advised that he did not know WETTCLAUFER outside of working-
- he advised that he cannot recall anything else and if he does that he will be forthcoming