

STATEMENT

This statement is made by HELEN MARY ALICE JOHNSON, who will say as follows:

1. Introduction

I am Helen Mary Alice Johnson. I am the mother of Jessica Helen Johnson. At all material times I have lived in the Bristol/Bath area. Jessica will be six in July. My other daughter is nearly seven.

2. Pregnancy with Jessica

I had suffered some problems during my earlier pregnancy including one admission to hospital with high blood pressure. The week before Jessica was born, I was admitted to hospital with a chest infection. As I was being sent home, a nurse ran after me and asked me to see a doctor because she thought I was polyhydramneous. The doctor told me to go home and see my GP in the morning. As it happened, Jessica was born in the early hours - before the surgery opened - on 30<sup>th</sup> July 1993, at St Michael's Hill Maternity Hospital, Bristol.

3. Early Problems

During her first day, I noticed that Jessica was finding it hard to feed. As time progressed, she got worse: she would vomit after feeding, and often seemed short of breath. By the third day, she had become yellow and had not woken up. I mentioned the problems to the hospital staff. They took no notice. I said that Kirsty had not had those problems. They told me that each baby was different. She was put into a nursery overnight so that she could be observed. The following morning, I was told that there was no problem.

Signed Helen Johnson

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