

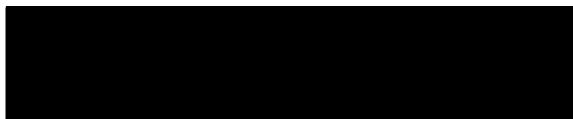
## STATEMENT OF PATRICIA ABRAM

My mother, Mary Lagan fell on the 14 June 2008 in Lisgarel Residential Home and fractured her femur. She was taken to Antrim Area Hospital and was transferred the same night to the Royal Victoria Hospital. While there, she was being treated for a chest infection before she was operated on. The following day I went to visit my mother and I could smell the strong odour of diarrhoea in the ward. About one week later we got a telephone call to say she was on her way down to Inver House in Larne. Inver House rang that evening to say that my mother was there. When she came to Inver House she had diarrhoea and vomiting and they were sending away a sample to be tested for C.Diff. I rang Inver House the next morning and the test was positive for C.Diff. I rang the Royal Victoria Hospital and spoke to the Sister in Charge of the ward my mother was in and told her about my mother having C.Diff. She replied she did not get it in here as we had never had a case of C.Diff. Then she went on to say she could have contacted it in the ambulance or in Inver House. I told her that my mother had the diarrhoea when she arrived at Inver House. I told her I was not happy with this situation, her reply wasn't don't worry Mary will get over this, she is strong. The family went to visit mum in Inver House where she was in a side ward. She was being sick and had already been sick down her clothes and nobody was making any attempt to help her. Her son-in-law and granddaughter were standing outside the room door when a visitor that was known to them. The nurse called mum's son-in-law and granddaughter to the side and told them not to be telling the visitor what was wrong with Mum because he would tell it around the hospital. The family got a phone call that night to say that Mum was very ill and was being moved to the Antrim Area Hospital. When the family contacted Antrim Area Hospital an hour after she left Inver House, Antrim Area Hospital could not locate her. We rang every half hour till they gave us a number to ring. Ambulance Control told us they had left my Mum in Antrim and what ward she was in. Yet Antrim Area Hospital could not locate her which left the family very distressed. We visited Mum and spoke to a very

nice nurse. She was surprised when she saw Mum as Inver said she was very ill and all I can take from this is that they wanted her out of Inver House. She was in an isolation ward for three days then was moved into a ward with other patients. Then she was moved back again to the isolation ward. When we asked if she still had C.Diff, we did not get a straight answer. All they said was she was in there for her own protection. She remained in that single isolation till the day she died. The sad thing about this is that her son was diagnosed with a brain tumour and was not able to visit his mother in case of infection in that three months. He just was able to spend a short time with her before she passed away. When I got the death certificate, C.Diff was not on it. I told the person that was registering the death about the C.Diff, she telephoned the hospital and she said they told her that C.Diff did not cause her death, but if this was the case, why was she in isolation until she died. The family had to wear protective clothing.

I confirm that the contents of this Statement are true

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Date: 01 day of 07 2010