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MMR and the Inquest into the Death of Toddler George Fisher



Editor's note: This story by Allison Edwards on jabs.org/uk is long, absolutely maddening, beautifully observed, heartbreaking -- and well worth reading. This is the way the medical and legal establishment turns away from the truth about vaccine damage -- in this case, the MMR, seizure and death. After reading it, you will not be surprised by this update: The coroner just ruled George Fisher's death was due to natural causes. This and other reports on the case are available [HERE](#). Our sympathies to the family. -- Dan Olmsted.

The Inquest into the Death of George Fisher

By [Allison Edwards](#)

On a dismal and bitterly cold December day, the outside of Gloucester's Shire Hall's was covered up, hidden behind shabby tarpaulin drooped over scaffolding. By the lunchtime break it might have occurred to anyone attending the Inquest into the death of little George Fisher, that some caring renovation work would not have gone amiss on the due process taking place inside the building.

Let me make it clear, procedure may be being followed but there is a distinct air of collaboration amongst the professionals who seek to cover their own backs. Something that has prevented the Fisher family so far from issuing their belief clearly, as eye-witnesses to the MMR being the culprit in the death of their 18 month old son and amidst their grief being expected to source the science to support it and also brief their 'green as grass' barrister of all the ins and outs and shenanigans to date. The early indication from the Coroner's confession of "being a lawyer not a medical man" did little to instill great confidence considering he has sole decision on the outcome of this important case.

Positioning of the powerful within the semi-circular chamber was obvious, in the, more than a hint-of-sixties styled, brightly lit courtroom. In command of the

proceedings, for this case is [Coroner Alan Crickmore](#) in the highest seat with the grandiose pale wooden surroundings. A clerk chaired at ground level beneath him facing out to the family, ready to read statements to the theatre auditorium calls "all stand" as Mr Crickmore enters (and leaves), which I thought only happened in American dramas, obviously not. Three seating sections sprayed out from the centre, the middle occupied by the family fronted by their barrister, to their right they were flanked by pharma and nursing representatives, and their left by Immunisation Department bods and doctors, most notable being Dr Liz Miller. Media and public to the rear.

The accepted experience of these proceedings being more "every day" to the Coroner and professionals trained up for just such circumstances is countered by the awesome and menacing importance of this for the Fishers who were thrust into this dauntingly emotional process by the tragic experience of discovering their son dead in his cot. The stuff of all our nightmares'. Scant regard or consideration seemed to be given to how 'abnormal' all of this procedure this is to them was highlighted by an incidence at the beginning when Sarah's disabled Auntie, sitting on an automatic scooter hidden from view behind the half height wooden semi-circular wall in front of her dared to speak up to say (quite rightly) that she couldn't hear. Accompanied by her husband with a hearing aid in each ear. It was all handled so insensitively by Coroner Crickmore who promptly stamped his authority and rather rudely told her to move herself to a better position.

Deposited as she was, on the main carpeted routeway, with no seating he ought to have deduced why she positioned there in the first place. It was left to her old man to explain that she was disabled and couldn't shift, he too was not handled with any deference. An Usher saved the situation by giving her a microphone/speaker set. Nerves were by now jangling throughout the room that if the disabled were handled like this how would the rest of us be treated if we dared make a sound? I think he was rather clumsily, making a point of showing he would not be messed with, by anyone! Quite frankly we were ALL wondering how we were going to hear as she bravely bore the brunt of his opinion on interruptions.

However, he managed to do a fair old bit of it himself throughout, cutting the family barrister off before she'd reached the end of her first sentence on a couple of notable occasions and giving her a verbal dressing down. Do as I say but not as I do! She was a little too obedient for my liking. He was having no "asking a question one way, then putting it in another way in order to extract a different answer" - this sort of directness would indeed be welcomed at the everlasting hearing for Dr's Wakefield, Walker-Smith and Murch.

The mumbling mutterings of Dr Alan Joseph Day were irritatingly quiet, yet no-one dared say a thing. He was there to give his professional opinion, as a local Consultant Paediatrician, in an evidence report he'd written in March 2008. It covered George's medical history relating to his first febrile convulsion in the September prior to his death the following January, how it was a short but dramatic seizure not a fifteen minute one that would have caused more concern. No further monitoring of George was done up to his death. Dr Day did not see George when he was alive. As far as giving him the MMR, there were no contra-indications as far as he was concerned, he was asked to state his opinion on MMR, he declined. It was remarkable. His voice barely audible, crucial sentences were left unfinished, hanging in the air, for example, "each case needs it's own....."??? Not a word from the Chair on high - why not? Perhaps he too couldn't hear.

When Mr Barton, from Sanofi, brought out the big files he deftly rounded on Calpol and Medi-ced as being neither a cure or preventative of fits. He managed to visibly quosh Dr Day's confidence in his 'standard advice' to use them, as he was asked to read out the conclusion from "NICE Guidelines of 'expert opinion' on the clinical handling of fever advice recommendations" that based on reported side-effects such drugs should not be used with other drugs and the dangers of it being given while the child is dehydrated. This is the point where the family's barrister should have leapt to her feet and asked him to read out the list of reported symptoms of adverse reactions to MMR on their own product sheet because Georgie had displayed a range of them, but she didn't an opportunity missed.

The determined base of Sanofi's case is to pin it on another product. Mr Barton is an top barrister, a 'troubleshooter', oozing confidence without a shred of arrogance, he's eloquent and direct and very sharp. There was, however too little Medi-ced left in Georgies bloodstream, as he had been sick after his milk bottle the previous evening to give this as a credible cause of death. No, the MMR had left Georgie with a runny nose, straight after, diarrhoea (he also was teething), sore ears, a temperature of 37.5, vomiting even though he went out and played football after, he was off his food, and had sore red eyes which had prompted his Mum to phone to make a doctors appointment he had died before she could take him to. He reacting to the three live viruses that were in his system. It clearly tortured his Mum wondering if she'd only given him more perhaps his temperature would not have got so high and he wouldn't have fitted.

It was so hard to hear how this robust toddler died. He was a remarkably good birth weight almost 8lbs 10oz, he breastfed well until aged 11 months. He was the youngest of four children, Sarah and Chris were well-experienced and instinctive parents. They too felt they had no real concerns. His feisty nature was described by them both in

turn, how he could lift a baby sit-in car above his head at age twelve months and managed to move his cot across the wooden floor of his bedroom whilst still in it. Many times we heard the circumstances in the run up to and subsequent discovery of his body and it prompted tears around the room and broken voices particularly that of the Practice Nurse, Hannah Mitchell who administered George with the MMR on January 9th. She could not recall the process of the case but followed a regular pattern of checking notes and medical records and informing the parents putting them at ease. She, of course attends regular updates. Chris and Sarah both maintained this was not done, they were not given the correct advice or even a leaflet, for had they known to be aware of monitoring their son more closely they would have admitted him to hospital or may not have given him the 3-in-1 jab at all. Unbelievably, being asked just that by the coroner, "what they would have done if they knew" was probably again as insensitive as could be in the circumstances, seeing as they were sitting at his inquest. His parents remained brave and dignified but also fidgety with concerns that important points were being missed out which gave rise to a rebuke by Coroner Crickmore for mum Sarah Fisher when she spoke up unannounced during Dad, Chris's testimony.

How much do a couple need to endure before their words are heard fairly? Patience and time seems to be granted to the emotionally detached, coolly uncaring back saving professionals. Why? What a price to pay 'for the greater good'. Will the same nit-picking as that done into Calpol and Medi-ced be given to MMR? I very much doubt it. For all children due for their MMR, it ought to be.

Later on Dr. Liz Miller admitted this can happen after MMR, that febrile convulsions can happen, and is most active on the tenth day being a true possibility. A damning testimony a little too carefully wrapped up in deniability – with again, no cross-examination worth it's salt. Dr Liz Miller was brought in to replace Dr Fink , to be impartial, but how impartial when she was party to the very introduction process of the MMR into the UK. She's hardly going to admit she made a mistake, so any reservations will be ably batted away with a swipe from her five other experts who are coming over well.

The hardest point raised was the suggestion that on the morning of Georges death, Chris had gone in to the room and moved his sister Meg, who was awake and had got into Georgie's cot, the poor little soul had obviously spotted that something was amiss. Chris had lifted her out and put her in her own bed. There was 18 months between them but they were almost the same size as George was "big for his age", they shared a room. Again, insensitively put, the Coroner's directness asked that there could be no possibility that she might have covered George smothering him? There was none. Dad

lifted her out of the cot then he'd gone off to work at 7.30am hoping not to waken George up, but not realizing he was probably already dead.

Sarah found him around twenty minutes later, having beforehand directed clingy Meg to "get into mum's bed for a cuddle" not making the connection for Meg's distress. Then she went to get Georgie, found he was cold, his arms either side of his head, bubbles at his mouth his teeth firmly clenched, dead.

A fit?

She took him downstairs wrapped in a blanket and laid him on the sofa and rang the emergency services. Police and paramedics arrived to a distraught household, they tried to resuscitate him but failed he was declared deceased at 8.25am on January 19th 2006, 10 days after his MMR. His lungs and blood showed measles virus, he had an enlarged spleen which means he was fending off a virus – or three.

I have never been to an inquest before. I am the Mum of a boy who became severely autistic after his MMR. I sat next to Jackie Fletcher, of JABS a remarkable lady and mother to Robert who has a most profound disability after his MMR too. We have reason to believe that the faith and trust we parents place in those guardians of public health on immunisations has become much more about their own protection than our children's'. We have been betrayed. We trusted their word and gave the vaccine they recommended. So much more depth and honesty is deserved when it goes wrong but in this case it would be admitting to murder if they knew about adverse reactions yet persisted with their safety assurances. Unfortunately I predict that no-one will be held accountable and the death put down to an "unascertained cause".

My deepest sympathy is with Sarah and Chris Fisher, devoted parents of Georgie, and their family.

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So.....an unexplained mystery death that happened in a healthy 18 month-old with 'no apparent reason'...and the authorities see this as an acceptable cause of death? Wow..

What a lovely little boy. I bet he was just full of life and happiness. His parents must feel utterly betrayed.

Posted by: Julie Swenson | [December 05, 2008 at 07:34 PM](#)

"His lungs and blood showed measles virus, he had an enlarged spleen which means he was fending off a virus – or three."

What part of this is confusing? What part of this is questionable?

These poor people.

Posted by: [Jeanne](#) | [December 05, 2008 at 04:37 PM](#)

The family must be devastated. The tragic loss of their beautiful son and then the victim of lies, denial and yet again big pharma influence. I send my heart felt thanks to the family for trying to get the truth heard.

Posted by: Deborah Nash | [December 05, 2008 at 03:56 PM](#)

to suggest that the sibling could have killed the baby - caused the seizure, the foaming at the mouth, the measles in the blood, the enlarged spleen...i can't believe the parents were able to sit there. I would have been admitted to an asylum, I would have lost my mind listening to that. where is the justice?

Posted by: sorsha | [December 05, 2008 at 03:52 PM](#)

If the authorities are not now going after the parents this is good news - possibly they have cold feet after recent prominent cases, notably Sally Clark. After the death last year of this tragic figure, Neville Hodgkinson wrote in the Spectator:

"An examination of related legal and other correspondence has now made clear the reason for this extraordinary omission. It is that child health experts, following public loss of confidence in vaccination when the risks of brain damage were first publicised, were trying to maintain a united front in preventing further debate. Even

paediatricians who gave testimony on Mrs Clark's behalf told defence lawyers that if vaccination were mentioned as a possible cause of Harry's death, they would dispute it. Not wanting to confuse the jury, and with judges having a history of bowing to dominant medical opinion, the defence decided to stay silent on the issue."

<http://www.spectator.co.uk/the-magazine/cartoons/30630/what-killed-sally-clarks-child.shtml>

But, of course, the problem is not restricted to one side of the Atlantic. Here is a remarkable and frightening analysis by Ed Yazbak 'SBS: Pitfalls in Diagnosis and Demographics' formerly published in Red Flags:

http://www.jabs.org.uk/forum/topic.asp?TOPIC_ID=960

Posted by: [John Stone](#) | [December 05, 2008 at 03:34 PM](#)

My son's had a reaction within hours to the MMR vaccine and I know many parents whose children also had very quick reactions. The vaccine strain measles virus was found in damage tissue in their bowel and blood stream.

We need independent doctors who are not tied to government and drug companies looking at our children.

Parents all over the world need to protest outside the drug companies offices and demand to see all the trials done.

How many children have now died from the MMR vaccine?

Together, we as parents can make a difference.

Posted by: [Isabella Thomas](#) | [December 05, 2008 at 03:03 PM](#)

Typical of another UK cover-up by the DOH e-al ..They can't even show a nano of respect in giving him the truth on his death certificate. how sad are they?

Looking for change to come from the US as the UK is so stitched up it would be laughable if the subject matter was a bit lighter..

Heart felt sympathy to George and family

Angus Files

Posted by: [Angus Files](#) | [December 05, 2008 at 01:41 PM](#)

This sort of result is going to continue until the Vaccine Truth community get themselves some medical experts who know and will testify that SIDS/'cot death' -

and the symptoms of SBS/'Shaken Baby Syndrome', including retinal haemorrhage - can be caused by vaccines, and so the child's medical history is extremely important to such hearings/court cases. As more and more cases swing to reflect such evidence, it will not be as easy for the Powers That Be to obfuscate this truth, as at present. (Dr Archie Kalokerinos in Australia, from his time as a GP in aboriginal communities, knows very well of this link, and has written clearly of it in his book Every Second Child. It has to do, in his experience, with the stress of the vaccination on a malnourished child's system, esp. depleting its stores of vitamin C.)

Posted by: [Stan](#) | [December 05, 2008 at 12:56 PM](#)

"But coroner Alan Crickmore said George's symptoms had emerged ****too soon**** after the jab to be related to it."

Okay...I thought I'd seen it all but this has got to take the cake!! What the h-e-double toothpicks kind of reasoning is that??

I mean, isn't the science **gold standard** for clinical trials testing based on "short-term" observations???

And doesn't the FDA make a "adverse event" determination based on these short-term studies????

Posted by: Kelli Ann Davis | [December 05, 2008 at 12:05 PM](#)

John - you may find this link to be of interest - from Ontario, Canada - regarding the Coroner's office, mistakes made, and accountability (or lack thereof)....

<http://www.cmaj.ca/cgi/content/full/179/10/995>

the last few paragraphs are particularly revealing:

"But Goudge also leveled blame at Smith's superiors, former chief coroner Dr. James Young and his deputy, Dr. James Cairns. "For far too long, Dr. Smith was not held accountable."

Both Young and Cairns ignored or dismissed complaints about Smith's work and "did far too little" about his mounting problems, Goudge said. In fact, the "symbiotic" relationships that existed among the men led Young and Cairns to protect Smith when his work was questioned.

Young's desire to protect the reputation of the Office of Ontario's Chief Coroner overshadowed any concern for victims of Smith's mistakes, Goudge added. "When he finally did act, it was to protect the reputation of the office, and not out of concern that individuals and the public interest may already have been harmed."

Sound familiar?

My heart and deepest sympathies go out to this family

Posted by: Randy | [December 05, 2008 at 11:48 AM](#)

This is not yet available on Cryshame, however, a slightly longer version can be found on JABS Forum (tenth post down, under my name):

http://www.jabs.org.uk/forum/topic.asp?TOPIC_ID=3337&whichpage=1

The verdict is unlikely to lead to great trust in government or the vaccine programme.

Posted by: [John Stone](#) | [December 05, 2008 at 06:59 AM](#)