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The location of the swelling was unusual and I do not know what had caused this. It appeared to me that swelling might have been from some form of trauma, possibly from the previous intubation attempts but I am unsure.

Dr Brearey was also unsuccessful in intubating after me and as a temporary measure inserted a laryngeal mask airway to secure the airway. The anaesthetic team were requested to attend to provide support and they arrived shortly afterwards. Two anaesthetists were also not able to intubate therefore the laryngeal mask was re-inserted. I remember that Nurse Lucy Letby and later on in the evening, Nurse Belinda Simcock were also assisting with his care.

A neonatal consultant at Liverpool Women's Hospital was contacted for advice regarding transferring **Child N** to an intensive care unit. Discussions were then had with the paediatric intensive care transfer team, which is referred to as N.W.T.S and also the E.N.T surgeons at Alder Hey children's hospital. It was decided that due to the difficult airway and that a tracheostomy may have been needed, that a team would come from Alder Hey to Chester to provide assistance.

Dr Potter, Dr Lakin and Dr Sue De arrived from Alder Hey at around 19:15 and it was shortly afterwards that **Child N** suffered another desaturation and associated bradycardia. I witnessed this desaturation together as did other doctors who were around his incubator at the time. **Child N** required chest compressions, IV adrenaline and IV sodium bicarbonate. I was involved with the resuscitation but it was led by Dr Lakin and Dr Potter. It was at this time that Dr Potter managed to intubate **Child N** on his first attempt.

After several doses of IV adrenaline and then an adrenaline infusion his heart rate and blood pressure stabilised.

I recall that during this process **Child N** was baptised, which is not unusual for a baby who is very sick and could die.

The N.W.T.S team arrived at the neonatal unit whilst I was still on shift but **Child N** was subsequently transferred to Alder Hey after I had gone off duty.

The following day when I was back working at the hospital I was approached by Dr Brearey who asked me about the events surrounding **Child N** and if I had noticed anything unusual.

I would like to mention something that has been playing on my mind for a while, it relates to Nurse Lucy Letby and what I would describe as strange behaviour for an experienced neonatal nurse.

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Lucy was very agitated when other staff arrived from other departments and Alder Hey. I remember she kept saying 'Who are all these people, Who are all these people'.

I tried to reassure her by telling her not to worry and that they were only here to help.

I remember that she also asked me if I was ok and that I seemed quiet. I was quite surprised by this comment as I was concentrating on the treatment for **Child N** and did not feel I had been unusually quiet.

I did inform Dr Brearey about Nurse Letby and what I viewed as strange behaviour.

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