

## **Gaia Inigo Young: Dorit's personal statement**

I am the mother of Gaia, a much loved, beautiful, talented, and healthy young lady who was admitted to hospital on 17 July 2021. Within hours she effectively died. Her death has been the subject of hospital investigations and an inquest. Well over one year later the cause of her death remains still unknown; all we know is that the fatal event affected the brain but did not leave any specific trace of itself – a sort of secret assassin that vanished.

Her family, friends, and I struggle to deal with her loss. We take solace that some of her organs were used to benefit the lives of others, but we need to know what happened to her, how and why, and whether her death was avoidable. There is a deep emotional need borne of grief to know the cause of my daughter's death. Knowing may also increase both medical understanding and encourage better relevant care procedures.

All the time I carry with me excruciatingly painful thoughts of my daughter's last hours in hospital. My most precious and only child died alone, she found herself without any warning thrown into a most terrifying world for a young person, experiencing the increasing assault to her brain as a state of losing control over her mind.

As a layperson I have spent huge amounts of time researching the science to understand how Gaia died. The results of my research are in this website. I invite you to consider it. If you are interested, informed, and can shed any new insights into how Gaia died I would be pleased to hear from you.

I do not require an exhaustive search but an inquiry which is focused, directed, and proportionate.

My search for the cause of Gaia's death has been tireless and shall remain ceaseless until there has been a satisfactory answer.