A Healthcare Infection
A Lifetime Legacy

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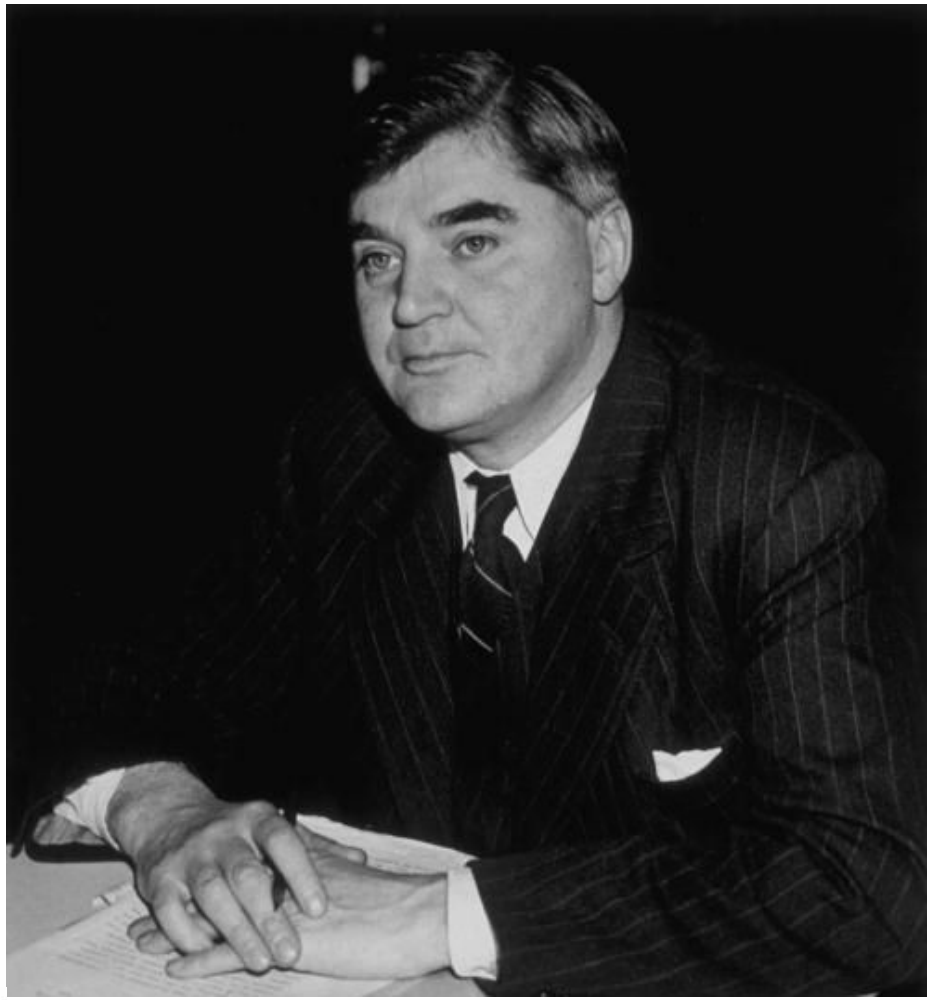

Trustees/Memorial Event

How did I personally become involved?

- My stepfather and dearest friend John
- He collapsed and his heart stopped on a summer evening in 2003
- He died 15 weeks later at Christmas

MRSA entry in John's notes

File in Section 4

Date/Time	Each entry must be legibly signed	History Sheet	Name JOHN CREWS. Unit No.

20.12.03 Nurse 16:30. Message from Path lab
Haemolytic strep present in PEG site.
MRSA cultured in urine specimen and leg swabs.
- Sensitivities available tomorrow.
Dr Khan (275) informed of results, await sensitivities tomorrow.

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21/12/03 0535 Nurse: Settled overnight. Minimal suction given. Turned for pressure relief. PEG feed in progress as per regimen. Mrs. Crews voiced concern re: PEG site swab. She said she want him treated for infection found in his PEG site and she want him to have IV antibiotics if positive for infection. Explained to her that we need to wait for the swabs result to come back and if it turns out positive we will discuss it with the Doctors and inform them.

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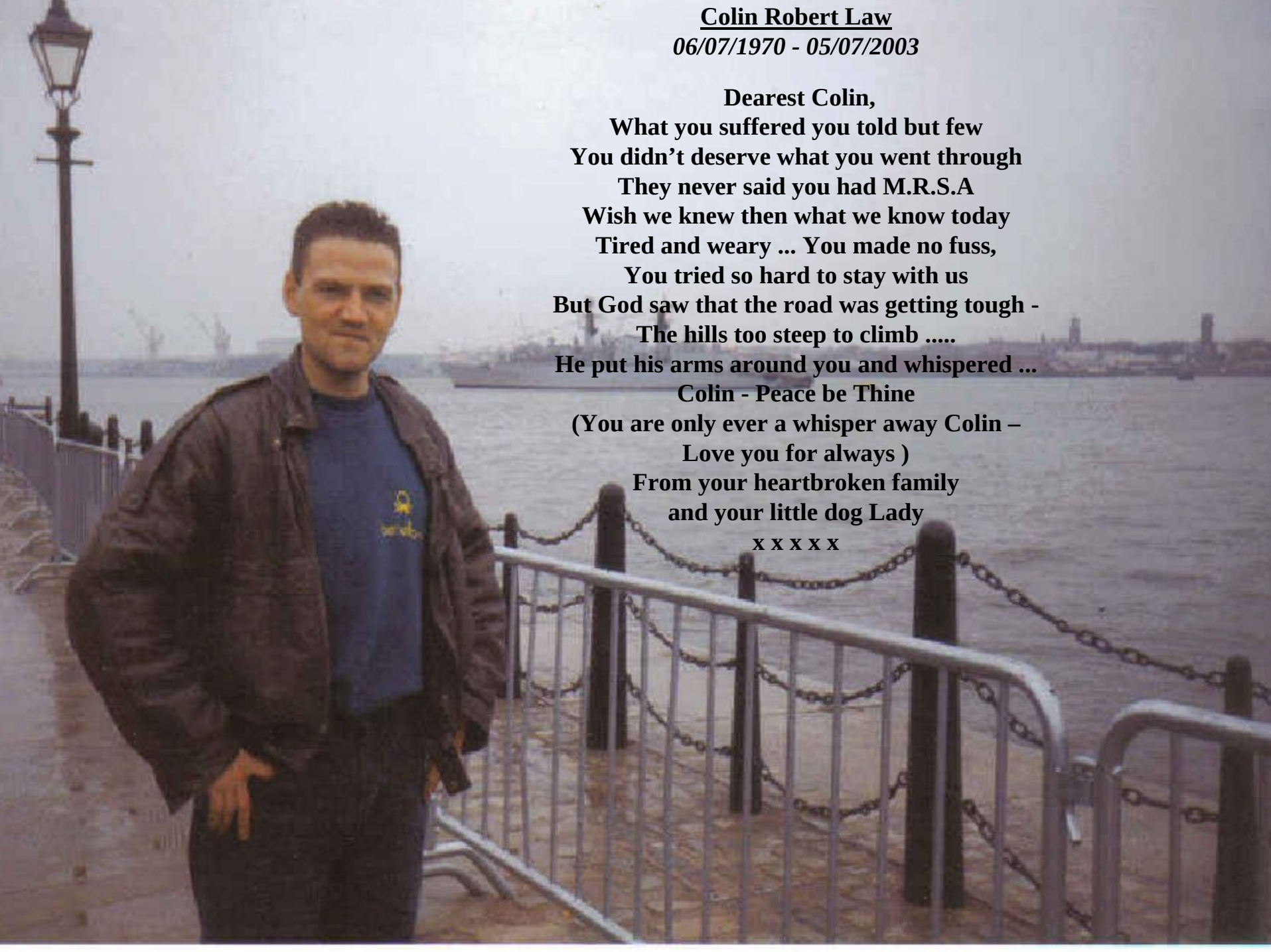
Were we let down?

- John’s story is one of Neglect
- A Wall of Silence
- Of Denial
- And a failure to recognise either John’s needs or the needs of John’s family



Colin Robert Law

06/07/1970 - 05/07/2003

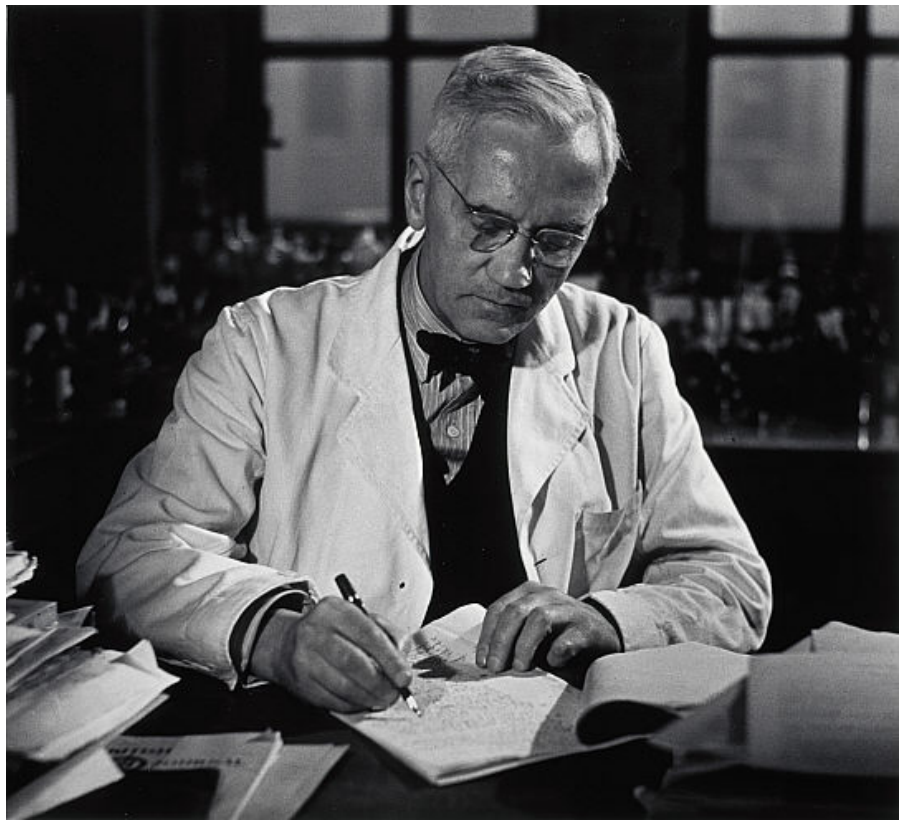
Dearest Colin,
What you suffered you told but few
You didn't deserve what you went through
They never said you had M.R.S.A
Wish we knew then what we know today
Tired and weary ... You made no fuss,
You tried so hard to stay with us
But God saw that the road was getting tough -
The hills too steep to climb .....
He put his arms around you and whispered ...
Colin - Peace be Thine
(You are only ever a whisper away Colin –
Love you for always)
From your heartbroken family
and your little dog Lady
x x x x x

Loved by a love beyond all telling
And missed by a grief beyond all tears

The ultimate price

- John’s wife, my mother has never missed a day since John’s death from visiting his grave
- She says only one word at John’s grave……
- SORRY

Alexander Fleming



Howard Florey

Tomorrow’s generation

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Florence Nightingale

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