

# Clinical Negligence & Access to Justice

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**avma**  
action *against* medical accidents

for patient safety and justice

# What is AvMA?

- Action against Medical Accidents - *“for patient safety & justice”*
- An independent UK charity formed in 1982
- Independent advice and support for patients / families when things go wrong – circa 4,000 enquiries a year
- Work with the UK National Health Service to improve safety
- Work in partnership with patients, lawyers, health professions to improve access to justice and good practice

# Patients for Patient Safety 'Champions'



# A Duty of Candour in Healthcare

Sir Liam Donaldson:

***“to err is human, but to cover up is unforgivable”***

# “Safety First” Department of Health, England, 2006

*“Communicating openly and honestly with patients and their families when things go wrong is a vital part of patient safety.....”*

*....A particular focus is to challenge the current culture of denial”*

# John Moore-Robinson

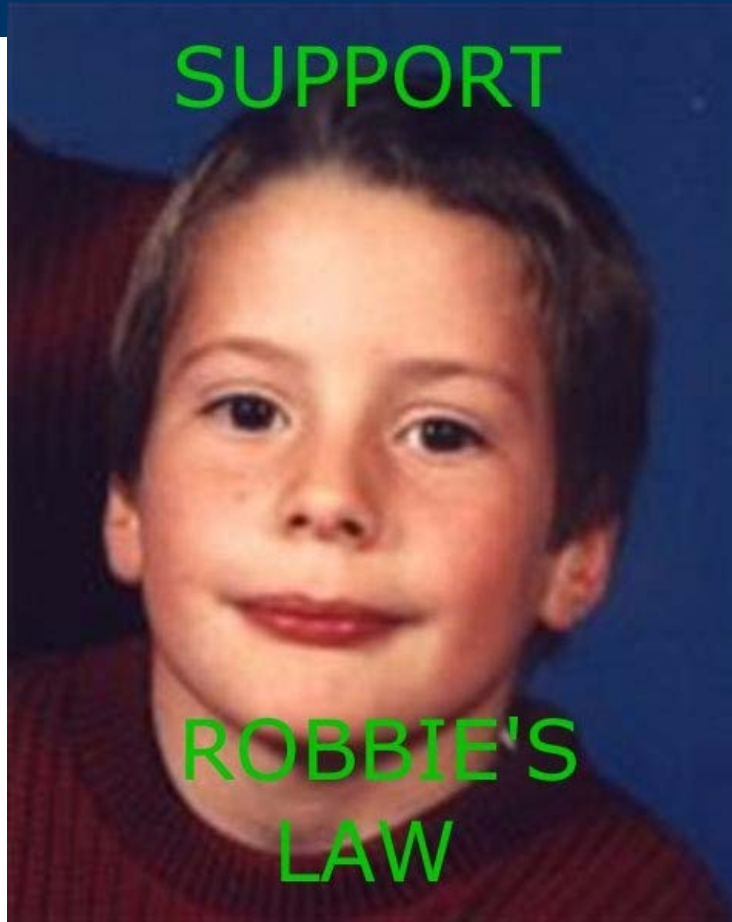


# Mayra Cabrera



# *A unique opportunity for Ireland – create a statutory Duty of Candour*

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