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**Garrett, Elizabeth**

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**To:** 'Garrett, Elizabeth'  
**Subject:** RE: Hyponatraemia Guidelines

Dear Miriam

I'm sure you are heartily sick of trying to please everyone, and just dying to get these guidelines out.

As I said in my comment to the last draft, I am disappointed that we are not actively discouraging the use of hypotonic fluids in replacement fluids (NOT just for clinically shocked children), since this I believe was a major (if not the major) factor in the demise of the child in Altnagelvin. However there are clearly others who do not agree with me, and as I said before, if I am alone in feeling this way, I will give in gracefully, as long as my thoughts are on record.

Were you aware of the death of a 4-year-old child in what sound like very similar circumstances in Northern Ireland in 1996? I was speaking to the coroner about it today and he is to send me a copy of his report in that case. Let me know if you'd be interested in seeing it. Perhaps you're already aware of it.

Best wishes,

Clodagh

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**Subject:** Hyponatraemia Guidelines

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Please find attached a final draft of the Hyponatraemia guidelines. If you are content I will arrange printing. Guidelines will be distributed, accompanied by a CMO letter.

When the guidelines have been printed I will arrange another meeting to discuss how we may conduct an audit on use of the guidelines.

Please let me know if you wish to make any final amendments to the attached document. If you are content there is no need to contact me.

DR MIRIAM MCCARTHY

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