



HER MAJESTY'S CORONER

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17th October 2001

Dear Ms Brown

RACHEL FERGUSON, DECEASED

You may be aware that this child died in the Intensive Care Unit of the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children on 10th June this year. Due to the circumstances of her death I directed that a post-mortem examination should take place and currently I am awaiting the post-mortem report. As soon as I do get it I will let you have a copy.

However, I have been advised by the Pathologist and a Consultant Anaesthetist from the Intensive Care Unit that questions must be asked regarding the management of this child whilst a patient in Altnagelvin Hospital.

I will be holding an inquest. It would greatly assist me if you would arrange to let me have as soon as possible statements from all those concerned with the care and management including the consultant in charge, the surgeon and the nursing staff.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

J L LECKEY
HM CORONER FOR GREATER BELFAST