

WESTERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL

**Notes of a meeting held in the Visitors' Room
The Mortuary Royal Group of Hospitals Belfast
on Friday 16 June 2000 at 10.30am**

Present: Dr Dennis O'Hara Consultant Paediatric Pathologist RGH
Mrs May Crawford
Mr Neville Crawford
Mr Stanley Millar Chief Officer WH&SSC

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Mr Millar thanked Dr O'Hara for agreeing to meet the Crawfords to explain the outcomes of the Post Mortem examination he performed on Lucy.

Dr O'Hara used the full post mortem report to give the sequence of events which he believed had led to Lucy's death.

Mr Millar was given a copy of the report.

Other issues discussed included:-

- ◆ The PM was not under the Coroner's Act
- ◆ The cause of death is less frequent than in years past and would not be common
- ◆ Lucy probably died in Erne
- ◆ The parents could not have done any more than they did
- ◆ Dehydration was an important factor
- ◆ Children can 'crash' very quickly due to dehydration and delay in getting in fluids could be crucial
- ◆ Dr O'Hara explained Brain Death and Intubation
- ◆ He answered all of Mr and Mrs Crawford's questions
- ◆ Dr O'Hara conducted the PM at the request of Dr Hanrahan (Lucy's heart valves were removed for transplant).

The meeting ended at 11.20am