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Mr John Leckey LL.M Her Majesty's Coroner Coroner's Office, Courthouse Old Town Hall Building 80 Victoria Street BELFAST BT1 3GL

Dear Mr Leckey

Lucy Crawford Deceased

Thank you for your letter of 3 March 2003.

I am pleased to note your decision to seek an independent expert report from Dr Sumner Consultant Paediatric Anaesthetist.

Dr Sumner has been in contact with me and I have directed him to Dr Jim Kelly Medical Director in Sperrin Lakeland Health and Social Care Trust. I am confident Dr Kelly will be able to provide a range of related documents including any possible investigation conducted in Erne Hospital into the care which was provided up to the time of Lucy's death.

I have also confirmed to Dr Sumner that I will assist in any way possible. However I am reluctant at this point to contact Mr and Mrs Crawford as I feel it is better to follow a medico legal context ie the course which possibly should have been followed earlier.

Your advice and interest is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Stanley E Millar Chief Officer