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Nick,

Following our telephone conversation, I want to outline my request for information from the Belfast Coroner, John Leckey.

In this morning's edition of the "Irish News", the Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Henrietta Campbell, states:

"Lucy's death was comprehensively investigated by the coroner and let there be no mistake, I fully accept his findings. In fact, the coroner referred Lucy's case to me as long ago as June, 2001 and since that time I have been working in partnership with the coroner to ensure that measures are put in place to improve the quality of care in paediatric units.

This appears to be in complete contradiction to the statement read by Mr. Leckey at the opening of Lucy's inquest in February this year, when he stated that he only learnt of Lucy's death in February this year:

"On 27th February, 2003 I received a letter from Mr. Stanley E Millar, Chief Officer of the Western Health and Social Services Council in which he referred to an inquest I had held a sort time previously into the death of Raychel Zara Ferguson."

I believe it is critical to the families of both Lucy and Raychel that the Coroner clears up this as soon as possible.

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