

Trevor Birney

From: Baxter, Clare [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 October 2004 09:30
To: 'Trevor Birney'
Subject: RE: Lucy Crawford

Hi Trevor, sorry about the delay in replying. Here's the response.

The Chief Medical Officer was aware of two deaths at the time the guidance was issued in March 2002, one of whom was Raychel Ferguson. In the interests of confidentiality we do not wish to name the other child other than to confirm that the child died in 1995 and suffered from chronic health problems.

Clare

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From: Trevor Birney [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 October 2004 09:46
To: Baxter, Clare
: roreilly [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Lucy Crawford

Clare,

Thanks again for your help.

However, following the CMO's reply, I've got another question:

On Friday, Dr. Campbell stated:

"At the time of the interview for the UTV Insight programme on Raychel Ferguson on 17 February 2003, I was not aware of any other death from hyponatraemia in a normal, healthy child in Northern Ireland."

Can Dr. Campbell then explain to whom she was referring to when she stated in a letter circulated with the hyponatraemia guidelines on March 25th, 2002.

"Hyponatraemia can be extremely serious and has, in the past few years, been responsible for two deaths among children in Northern Ireland."

Question: Who are the two children the CMO was referring to?

Best wishes,
Trevor.

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From: Baxter, Clare [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 October 2004 15:19
To: 'tbirney' [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Lucy Crawford

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Hi Trevor, here's the response. I was just checking the Insight programme but didn't hear CMO making that actual quote perhaps she said it during the course of the interview and it wasn't used? No matter, here's the line, come back if you need anything.

Chief Medical Officer, Dr Henrietta Campbell said: "At the time of the interview for the UTV Insight programme on Raychel Ferguson on 17 February 2003, I was not aware of any other death from hyponatraemia in a normal, healthy child in Northern Ireland."

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From: Baxter, Clare
Sent: 13 October 2004 16:30
To: 'Trevor Birney'
Subject: RE: Lucy Crawford

Hi Trevor, here's the response to your question. Anything else let me know.

The Hyponatraemia Working Group was set up by the Chief Medical Officer to develop guidance on the prevention of hyponatraemia and not to consider the case of any specific child. At the time the Working Group was established the CMO was not aware of Lucy Crawford's death.

Clare

-----Original Message-----
From: Trevor Birney [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 October 2004 19:14
To: clare.baxter@[REDACTED]
Subject: Lucy Crawford

Clare,

Below is the question for the CMO as discussed.

As the Department is aware, we are currently working on an Insight programme examining the death of Lucy Crawford. We intend broadcasting it within the next few weeks.

In the meantime, you can contact me at [REDACTED] if you have any queries.

Question for Dr. Henrietta Campbell:

1. Was the Hyponatraemia Working Group, set up in June 2001, in any way related to the death of Lucy Crawford?

I would appreciate a reply at your earliest convenience.

Best wishes,
Trevor.

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