

**Trevor Birney**

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**From:** Jo.McGinley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 28 September 2004 10:29  
**To:** Trevor Birney  
**Subject:** RE: Death of Lucy Crawford

Trevor,

I have forwarded your request on. I will get back to you regarding the issues you raised as soon as possible.

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**From:** Trevor Birney [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 September 2004 16:16  
**To:** Jo.McGinley  
**Subject:** RE: Death of Lucy Crawford

Jo,

There has been a further development in the Lucy Crawford case, which we need urgent clarification from the Royal on.

This afternoon. Dr. G. Nesbitt, Medical Director at the Altnagelvin Trust, has told Insight:

**"I spoke to colleagues in the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children after Raychel Ferguson's death in relation to their use of No. 18 solution. I was informed that there had been a death in the Children's Hospital in 1997."**

Can the Royal confirm the death of this child in 1997?

We take it from Dr. Nesbitt that he spoke to the Medical Director at the Royal at the time and/or Dr. Bob Taylor/Dr. Peter Crean.

Was a death certificate issued statement that the child suffered hyponatraemia?

Was a post mortem held?

Dr. Nesbitt states categorically that the child he refers to is NOT Adam Strain, who died at the Royal in 1995.

Can we resolve this as quickly as possible?

Best wishes,  
Trevor.

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**From:** Jo.McGinley [redacted]  
**Sent:** 24 September 2004 12:08  
**To:** tbirney [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Death of Lucy Crawford  
**Importance:** High

Trevor,

Further to the request that you passed to my colleague, Christine:

The diagnoses that the doctors gave were not at variants, both were looking at the patient at different times. The doctors do not have anything further to add to the information that they supplied at the inquest and wish to make it very clear that they did not mislead the coroner in anyway.

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**From:** Trevor Birney [redacted]  
**Sent:** 21 September 2004 16:29  
**To:** Christine Stewart  
**Cc:** reoreilly [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Death of Lucy Crawford

Christine,

Why did Dr. Hanrahan fail to tell the Coroner of the presence of cerebral oedema and hyponatraemia?

Did he feel that it was unimportant?

Did he feel that the cerebral oedema, caused by acute dilutional hyponatraemia, had not contributed to Lucy's death?

Why did Dr. Crean seek information from the Erne Hospital as to Lucy's fluid management during her stay there?

Does Dr. Crean confirm that he alerted the Coroner at the time of Lucy's death to the fact that she died of hyponatraemia?

If Dr. Hanrahan had told the Coroner of hyponatraemia, there would have been an immediate inquest. The Crawford's would not have lived under the wrongful impression for four years that their daughter had died of a tummy bug.

Please read the Coroner's opening statement for clarification on the evidence that he was misled.

Best wishes,  
Trevor.

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