

Trevor Birney

From: Jo.McGinley [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 October 2004 16:38
To: Trevor Birney
Subject: query
Importance: High

Trevor,

I refer you to the e-mail that you sent through to my colleague, Christine Stewart, on April 23 – when you asked this question. I would also refer you to Christine's response on May 17, when she said:

'We are aware of two cases in which the coroner has suggested dilutional hyponatraemia as a contributory cause of death. The coroner's office could possibly elaborate as I am bound by patient confidentiality.'

I hope that this answers your latest query.

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From: Trevor Birney [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 October 2004 11:53
To: Jo.McGinley
Subject: RE: Death of Lucy Crawford

Jo,

Can I stress that the information in relation to the death of a child at the RVH in 1997 has come from the Medical Director at Altnagelvin Trust.

He says that it was his counterpart at the Royal who told him about the death.

Given this, it may be better if I phrase the question: **How many children who've suffered hyponatraemia have died at the RBHSC since January, 1995?**

I look forward to hearing from you by end of play today (6pm).

Best wishes,
Trevor.

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From: Jo.McGinley [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 October 2004 08:08
To: Trevor Birney
Subject: Death of Lucy Crawford
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Trevor,

Our staff have checked and based on the information that you provided we are not aware of any death in 1997 relevant to your enquiries. I have also forwarded to them the e-mail in which you state that you intend to claim the Royal misled the Coroner. I am waiting further instruction from them on this.

Could I also ask that all your enquiries about the activities of this Trust and its staff are directed through the press office in the normal way.

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