

Response from Dr. G. Nesbitt, Medical Director, Altnagelvin HSS Trust to
email from Trevor Birney dated 14th September 2004

27th September 2004

The meeting to which Trevor Birney refers was, as agreed by him, off the record.

I am not aware of the death of a child named Adam Strain. 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. I contacted the CMO on 1st May 2002 seeking clarification as to any guidelines that may have been issued following that death.

My recollection of the first time I heard of Lucy Crawford, although I do not think her name was mentioned then, was when Trevor Birney referred to a death in Sperrin Lakeland Trust at our off the record meeting.

The CMO's working group was established to prepare guidance on the prevention of hyponatraemia and not to consider the case of any specific child or children.

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