

Trevor Birney

From: Christine Stewart [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 September 2004 14:26
To: Trevor Birney
Subject: RE: Death of Lucy Crawford

Trevor

There is no question of anyone in the Royal Hospitals having misled the office of the Coroner as to the cause of Lucy Crawford's death.

Can I refer you back to my e mail of May 17.

'As to why the localised post mortem recorded a different cause of death to the coroner's findings - the localised post mortem recorded the condition which being present led to the death.

Using the example of meningitis; one person could say meningitis, another multi organ failure, and another heart attack; and they would all be right to some degree. Guidance from pathologists is that the cause of death is the condition without which the person would not have died, meningitis in this example.'

I have discussed your request with Dr Hanrahan, and he has nothing further to add.

regards

Christine

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From: Trevor Birney [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 September 2004 16:44
To: Christine Stewart
Cc: roreilly [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Death of Lucy Crawford
Importance: High

Christine,

As you are no doubt well aware, we are continuing to examine the events surrounding the death of Lucy Crawford.

In the programme, we are going to identify Dr. Donncha Hanrahan as having misled the office of the Coroner for Greater Belfast as to the real cause of Lucy's death.

We feel it is only appropriate that we gave Dr. Donncha Hanrahan the opportunity to explain his actions.

To give him a chance to explain, we wish to put a question to Dr. Hanrahan.

1. Why did you tell the Coroner's office that Lucy Crawford had died of gastroenteritis when that the knowledge within the hospital on the day of her death was that she had died of hyponatraemia?

I look forward to your reply.

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