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**From:** Trevor Birney [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 15 October 2004 15:52  
**To:** brettlockhart@[REDACTED] john@[REDACTED] roreilly@[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Ulster Television programme: October 21st, 2004[Scanned]  
**Importance:** High

Brett, John:

The e-mail below has come to me this afternoon, although I don't think I was the intended recipient.

I take it that "Sinead" is Counsel.

Sinead,

I am forwarding an email received this afternoon from UTV.

My clients are very concerned about the programme that is apparently to be broadcast. I requested that our clients co-operate with this programme some time ago but our clients were reluctant to do so. Indeed on their instructions we wrote to UTV requesting that they do not use any material in any further programme without their consent.

Our clients are particularly alarmed at the suggested reconstruction. They are concerned that it will be inaccurate and that it will cause great distress both to them and their children. It may also put forward views which do not accord with those of the family.

They have enquired whether they would have any right to seek an injunction to prevent the broadcast of the programme.

I would welcome your views.

Regards,

Kevin

Murnaghan has since sent a second message, which stated:

Kevin Murnaghan would like to recall the message, "Ulster Television programme: October 21st, 2004[Scanned]".

I'm sorely tempted to drive to Enniskillen tomorrow and meet the Crawfords directly. I have absolutely no doubt that Mrs. Crawford's immediately reaction wasn't to injunct the programme.

Give me a call.  
Trevor.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Trevor Birney [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 15 October 2004 13:06  
**To:** Law  
**Subject:** Ulster Television programme: October 21st, 2004[Scanned]

Kevin,

We thought it appropriate that we alert Mae and Neville Crawford about UTV's plans in the coming days.

As discussed in your office on August 27th, we have been continuing to investigate the death of Lucy Crawford in April, 2000.

We now intend broadcasting an hour-long programme which, at the moment, is scheduled for broadcast at 9 pm on Thursday, October 21st.

We are very aware of the impact the programme will have on the lives of Neville and Mae Crawford and their children and want to do all we can to introduce them to what it contains ahead of its transmission.

Obviously, we will be exploring how the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children, the Erne Hospital and the Sperrin Lakeland Trust dealt with Lucy's care and the aftermath of her death.

We have reconstructed some of the events of the evening of April 12th, 2000, in which actors play the roles of Lucy, Mae and Neville.

The programme will also contain information that will be new to them about the activities of staff at the Royal; and the way the Sperrin Lakeland Trust handled Lucy's death.

As always, we are willing to meet with Mae and Neville at any time ahead of the programme, if they feel it would be helpful.

In the meantime,

Best wishes,  
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