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From: Michael McBride
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2004 3:16 PM
To: Nichola Rooney; [REDACTED], Dympna Curley
Subject: FW: Gynae walkaround

For information.

Michael

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From: Michael McBride
Sent: 16 November 2004 15:15
To: Heather Steen
Subject: FW: Gynae walkaround

Heather,

Can we discuss progress on this tomorrow am.

Given the degree of concern and anxiety of the parents, I know that you would agree that it would be preferable for us to be in a position whereby Nichola Rooney and yourself are ready to meet and discuss with the parents our conclusions in respect of our detailed case note review.

I accept that a thorough review takes time, however in the circumstances I feel that this meeting should be as soon as practically possible in order that we can either allay concerns and/or advise of the need for subsequent referral to HRM Coroner.

Michael

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From: Michael McBride
Sent: 02 November 2004 10:44
To: Heather Steen
Subject: RE: Gynae walkaround

Heather,

Thank-you for creating the opportunity-your intuition and judgment on this was very sound.

1. In relation to the Paediatric Surgery Review team. I understand there were very robust interviews last Friday. The panel would hope to conclude with recommendation to Trust Board by end November. I believe all parties recognise that this is "end game". We need to discuss again potential service consequences of any potential recommendations.

2. I met with Nicky and Dympna yesterday afternoon re the inquiry from parents in relation to the death of their daughter in 1996. From the brief description of the case that I received, there would appear to be a causal element for SIADH with the presence of a low grade meningoencephalitis at post-mortem, whether or not fluid & electrolyte balance was a contributory factor would need to be established.

Can I ask you in the first instance to review the notes. If there is any reason to suggest that fluid and electrolyte management may have been a factor in this case, then I would suggest that you ask Peter Crean as the Clinical Governance lead, Prof Ian Young, Elaine and Brenda Creaney to carry out a case note review to determine whether this case needs to be referred to the Coroner.

I feel we should contact the family and advise them that having had an opportunity to review the notes that you feel a further in-depth review is required and that we would envisage that this would be completed within 10

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ts. We should also advise the family that if we establish a clinical issues which would suggest similar circumstances to those cases previously reported that we will be referring the their daughters case back to HRM Coroner but will advise them in advance. You may feel it appropriate that you should be the point of contact with Nicky to discuss this with the family. I would be happy to assist or be present as you feel appropriate.

I feel there is a need to carry this out ASAP and keep the family closely informed of timescales.

Please phone and discuss this if you judgement differs or if I can be of support.

Michael

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From: Heather Steen

Sent: 02 November 2004 10:11

To: Michael McBride

Subject: Gynae walkaround

Thanks for yesterday. A lot of positive feedback. they now have had informal visits from both yourself and Deidre which i think have been appreciated.
You apparantly are very approachable and empathetic
Heather

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