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Dear Sirs

ULSTER TELEVISION PLC -v- ROYAL GROUP OF HOSPITALS

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of 12 October 2004.

Unfortunately, by the time Lucy arrived at the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children, there was little that could have been done to help her. The staff at the RBHSC did their very best to treat Lucy at that time and subsequently assisted the Coroner by providing detail of the events leading up to her death.

There is no question of anyone in the Royal Hospitals having misled the Coroner as to the cause of Lucy's death. The post-mortem examination was, in fact, carried out at the request of the doctors and with the consent of Lucy's parents.

The diagnoses that our doctors made did not contradict one another. Both of the doctors concerned were evaluating Lucy from different perspectives of her illness.

We require an unqualified retraction of the allegation that you have made and an undertaking that you will not publish it in the forthcoming programme or elsewhere. We can indicate that if you do not retract the allegation, the Trust reserves its right to take legal action against you and/or your Servant or Agent. In addition, the Trust's employees who gave evidence may also seek any remedy or redress which may be available.

Yours faithfully

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