

**CONVERSATION WITH DR BILL McCONNELL, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH - 2 NOVEMBER 2004 RE: LUCY CRAWFORD CASE**

**1. *From your recollection how did you learn of this incident?***

- Dr. McConnell recalled a telephone call from Hugh Mills, Chief Executive, Sperrin Lakeland Trust, advising that he was thinking about approaching Dr. Murray Quinn, Consultant Paediatrician, Altnagelvin Area Hospital, Londonderry with a view to asking him to review the case notes and provide the Trust with his opinion.
- Dr. McConnell advised that Dr. Quinn could certainly review the notes and, indeed, this may be helpful given that he had provided paediatric clinics to Tyrone County and Erne Hospitals prior to the appointment of Consultant Paediatricians in Sperrin Lakeland Trust. However, he cautioned Mr. Mills that such a review would not be seen as "independent" as Dr. Quinn would be seen as being too close to the situation. A wider external review through the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health would be required. A copy of Dr. Quinn's review of the case was not shared with Dr. McConnell.

**2. *Was there a formal reporting mechanism in place in 2000?***

- Dr. McConnell advised that in 2000 no formal reporting mechanism was in place for reporting untoward incidents. However, he had an agreement with the Medical Director in each Trust that he would be informed if such an incident occurred. No report was provided to him at the time of Lucy Crawford's death.

### ***Medical Report on Lucy Crawford***

- A copy of a letter from Dr. Murray Quinn, Consultant Paediatrician, Altnagelvin Area Hospital to Mr. Eugene Fee, Director of Acute Services, Sperrin Lakeland Trust (dated 22 June 2000) was requested from Sperrin Lakeland Trust by Margaret Kelly. This was provided to her on 5/4/04.
- A short report on "Issues for Consideration Arising out of Mr. Fee's observations of the proceedings during the Inquest at the Coroner's Court, Belfast on 17 & 19 February 2004" was shared with Margaret Kelly.