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Subject: UPDATE MEETING - HUGH MILLS

I had an update meeting with Hugh Mills last Friday, during which we discussed the Inquest into the death at the Erne Hospital and the recent TV programme 'The Issue'. Hugh advised me that the information put forward in the TV programme is actually incorrect. Indeed the Trust tried to contact the family eight times to arrange a meeting. The Trust, according to Hugh, has also issued an apology to the family over the last few months. Hugh believes that the approach taken by Fergal McKinney interviewing Etta Campbell justified the Trust's decision not to take part in the TV programme.

Following the recent Coronor's hearing, action is being taken forward on three accounts:

1. The doctor involved has been referred by the Coronor by the GMC. The GMC investigation is ongoing.
The Trust is working through lessons learned from this case and how it was handled internally. Hugh has suggested that it would be good if someone from the Board could also work with the Trust in this.
3. The CMO is taking forward work on two main fronts:
 - a) guidelines have been issues to all Trusts on hyponatraemia and all Trusts must confirm within the next few weeks that these are in place; and
 - b) Dr Ian Carson, Deputy CMO, is in the process of issuing guidance to the HPSS regarding the central reporting of untoward events.

Happy to discuss any of the above further.

Regards.

Steven

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