

14. **Any Other Business**

Michael Gormley drew the Board's attention to a programme being shown on UTV that evening, explaining that the Board has been asked to prepare a Statement for issue to the programme.

The Chairperson wished to express her appreciation for the time and effort that Michael Gormley and Jenny McGonigle had undertaken in the preparation of the meeting, and to all members for taking the time from their busy schedules to attend.

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Health and Social Services Trusts are accountable to the Department for the safe and effective treatment and care of the patients to whom they provide services. This is part of what is known as clinical and social care governance.

Each Board identifies and funds the overall services to be provided by Trusts to meet the needs of their population. In providing these services Trusts must ensure that they meet the governance, safety and quality requirements set by the Department and the relevant Health and Social Services professions.

When things do go wrong as so clearly happened with the tragic deaths of Lucy Crawford and Raychel Ferguson it is vital that lessons are learned and that action is taken right across the HPSS.

When it became evident that there were similar issues which applied in the deaths of Lucy and Raychel the Department issued new guidelines relating to the management of children receiving intravenous fluids.

The Department is working closely with the four Boards and with Trusts to ensure that these guidelines are fully known and applied throughout the service.

The Western Board has ensured that the new guidelines are being applied by hospitals within our area.

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