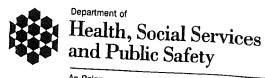
From the Permanent Secretary Clive Gowdy CB



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UTV INSIGHT PROGRAMME

The UTV Insight programme of last Thursday evening made a number of allegations associated with the tragic death of Lucy Crawford. The Department is currently considering how it should respond to these allegations. Without prejudice to the outcome of these deliberations there is a need to ensure that all relevant records and documents are secured so that, if necessary, they can be made available for independent examination.

To that end, I am writing to advise you that the Department now requires you as Chair of the Sperrin Lakeland Health & Social Care Trust to take whatever steps are necessary to secure and keep safe all documentation which is within the custody or control of the Trust, or its employees servants or agents, including draft documentation and information in electronic format pertaining to the death of

- Lucy Crawford
- Raychel Ferguson
- Adam Strain

This should include:

- All medical, nursing and other clinical notes and records associated with
- All reports (including draft reports) commissioned or produced by the Trust or its employees on any aspect of these cases
- All notes of meetings or discussions concerning each case
- All legal advice received by the Trust in connection with these cases

The material above should be sorted, referenced to an appropriate index and retained.



I would further require that you confirm to me in writing that your organisation has taken the necessary action and secured all relevant information by Friday 5

I am copying this letter to your Chief Executive and to the Chairs and Chief Executives of the Royal Group of Hospitals and Dental Hospitals HSS Trust, Altnagelvin Hospitals Health & Social Services Trust and the Western Health

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D C GOWDY Permanent Secretary