Child Death Enquiry

In Oct 2004, a UTV Insight programme 'when hospitals kill' was broadcast. It reported on the deaths of three children, Lucy Crawford, Rachel Ferguson and Adam Strain. The hospitals involved in the care of the children included, the Erne, Altnagelvin and Royal Belfast Hospitals for sick children.

On the basis that the programme had raised a number of concerns in relation to standards of performance and allegations, the then Minister with responsibility of health, Angela Smith, appointed Mr John O'Hara QC, to conduct an enquiry.

An investigation by the police was also initiated and for the duration of this investigation the enquiry has been suspended.