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with Steven Thanks, M.

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Sent: 28 April 2004 15:17
To: Kelly Margaret
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Subject: LC INQUEST - ERNE HOSPITAL DEATH

Margaret, I discussed this matter at length with Hugh Mills at our update meeting on Monday 26 April 2004. Basically work is ongoing at three different levels:

1. CMO

The CMO has written to all Trusts asking them to confirm that guidance in relation to hyponatraemia is being implemented.

2. Internal Work

The Trust is initiating some work internally to look at systems and procedures, viz viz issues raised and lessons learned from this unfortunate event.

This work will look at complaints procedures etc but will also involve commissioning and external audit to ensure that relevant clinical guidelines etc are in place and operating effectively. Hugh wants to set up a Steering Group to oversee this work. It is envisaged that the Steering Group will meet on several occasions over a 4-6 months period.

Ann O'Brien from the Clinical and Social Care Support Team at the Department has agreed to become a member of the Steering Group. The group will be chaired by a Trust Non Executive Director and will include the Trust Medical Director. Hugh is keen to have Board representation on the Steering Group and has suggested that you might take part from a nursing perspective.

I know there are a great deal of competing demands on your time at present and I would welcome a view from you as to whether you think you are the appropriate person from within the Board to represent us on the Steering Group. Hugh will forward a remit for the Steering Group over the next few days and I will pass this onto you once I receive it.

3. GMC

The GMC is looking at clinical issues in relation to the consultant involved in this case.

I hope this clarifies the position. Happy to discuss with you further.

Regards.

Steven