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From: Mulhern, Kevin
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To: Gowdy, Clive; Campbell, Dr Henrietta; Burne, Alison; Shannon, Colm; Lindsay, Sharon; McCarthy, Miriam
Subject: FW: lucy crawford - Impartial Reporter

To all

I have received the questions below from the Impartial Reporter. Again I believe that rather than going through each question individually we provide a Departmental statement which is currently being prepared and that we stick rigidly to it. The paper's editor is not happy at not getting an interview and has said he will be following this up.

Happy to discuss

Kevin

[Mulhern, Kevin] -----Original Message-----

From: Denzil McDaniel [mailto:dmcdaniel@] [REDACTED]

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Subject: lucy crawford

Kevin.

Further to our conversation this morning, I am sending the following questions.
Could you make it clear if your response is from the Department or the Minister.
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1 Following the death of Lucy Crawford, due to ³fundamental errors² at the Erne Hospital, the Sperrin Lakeland Trust initiated an internal review. Does the department/Minister believe this was sufficient.?

2 The Sperrin Lakeland Trust review failed to pick up on the hospital's ³fundamental errors². Is the Trust capable of investigating itself?

3 No one from the Sperrin Lakeland Trust informed the Chief Medical Officer of this OEuntoward death². Does this and the lack of a proper internal investigation by the Trust signify a ³systematic failure²?

4 What systems are now in place to ensure ³untoward deaths² are reported further ³up the line²?

5 Does the Chief Medical Officer now accept the inquest findings in full?

6 What is the Department's/Minister's view on calls for an independent inquiry aimed at restoring confidence in the health service in the Trust area?

7 Is the Minister prepared to be interviewed about the Lucy Crawford case at some point?

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