

Young, Christine

From: Gowdy, Clive
Sent: 17 May 2004 17:06
To: Lindsay, Sharon
Cc: Mulhern, Kevin; 'mark.larmour'
Subject: FW: Lucy Crawford

Sharon,

I attach an amended line to take for the Secretary of State's meeting with the journalists in Fermanagh.

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From: Mulhern, Kevin
Sent: 17 May 2004 16:55
To: Gowdy, Clive
Subject: Lucy Crawford

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From: Mulhern, Kevin
Sent: 17 May 2004 15:49
To: 'mark.larmour'
Subject:

I am aware of the unfortunate death of Lucy Crawford and I wish to express my sympathy to her family. I know her case raised a number of matters relating to clinical care, medical records management, and the reporting of untoward events that occur in hospitals. I am content that these matters are being pursued through the appropriate channels and that real improvements are being put in place.

If the Editor of the Impartial Reporter raises the matter of the perceived reluctance of Angela Smith to afford him an interview on this issue, the Secretary of State may wish to use the following Line to Take:

"Angela Smith is a very busy Minister, who has a wide-ranging and heavy portfolio. I know that she was keen to assist you on this matter and offered to respond in writing to any questions you had. I understand that she has arranged to carve out some time later this month to do a telephone interview with you."