

**Young, Christine**

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**From:** Shannon, Colm  
**Sent:** 26 September 2004 19:05  
**To:** Campbell, Dr Henrietta  
**Cc:** Gowdy, Clive; Baxter, Clare; McCarthy, Miriam  
**Subject:** FW: Raychel Ferguson

**Importance:** High  
**Sensitivity:** Confidential



Raychel Ferguson -  
Dr. Nesbitt...

Please see the attached from Marie Dunne. I will discuss with Marie in the morning.

Colm

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Marie Dunne - Commun. Mgr [mailto:MDunne@...]  
**Sent:** 26 September 2004 2:45  
**To:** Colm Shannon (E-mail)  
**Subject:** FW: Raychel Ferguson  
**Importance:** High  
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Colm - Re email below from Trevor Birney. Dr Nesbitt has now provided me with the attached which he wants me to forward to Trevor as his response. It raises serious issues I think.

Your urgent advice on how to proceed would be appreciated.

Marie

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Trevor Birney [mailto:tbirney@...]  
**Sent:** 14 September 2004 10:19  
**To:** Marie Dunne - Commun. Mgr  
**Subject:** RE: Raychel Ferguson

Marie,

As you know, we're still working on a programme examining the deaths of Lucy Crawford and Raychel Ferguson.

In terms of the death of Raychel, in a meeting I had with Geoff Nesbitt last year he spoke of his concern at the RVHSC not disseminating information relating to the death of Adam Strain in 1996.

Can you ask Geoff when exactly did he find out about the death of Adam?

When did he first speak to the CMO about his concerns?

When did Geoff discover that another healthy child, Lucy Crawford, had died at the Erne Hospital 14-months previous to the death of Raychel?

How many deaths did the Working Group, set up by the CMO, examine?

Best wishes,  
Trevor.

Trevor Birney  
Editor, Current Affairs  
Ulster Television

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-----Original Message-----

From: Marie Dunne - Commun. Mgr [mailto:MDunne@altnagelvin.hospitals.nhs.uk]  
Sent: 15 June 2004 12:12  
To: Trevor Birney (E-mail)  
Subject: Altnagelvin statement

Hi Trevor - Statement as promised.

Regards.

Marie

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**Response from Dr. G. Nesbitt, Medical Director, Altnagelvin HSS Trust to  
email from Trevor Birney dated 14<sup>th</sup> September 2004**

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2004

The meeting to which Trevor Birney refers was, as agreed by him, off the record.

I am not aware of the death of a child named Adam Strain. I spoke to colleagues in the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children after Raychel Ferguson's death in relation to their use of No. 18 solutions. I was informed that there had been a death in the Children's Hospital in 1997. No name was ever mentioned that I can recall. I contacted the CMO on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2002 seeking clarification as to any guidelines that may have been issued following that death.

I was not aware of the death of Lucy Crawford until it was reported in the media.

As far as I am aware, the working group only considered the case of Raychel Ferguson.