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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. Denzil

1 Following the death of Lucy Crawford, due to 'fundamental errors' 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 hospital¹s 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?