

**Baxter, Clare**

**From:** Baxter, Clare  
**Sent:** 25 October 2004 17:10  
**To:** 'Trevor Birney'  
**Subject:** RE: Lucy Crawford

Thanks Trevor. If you're returning to it in the next couple of weeks I would certainly hope to have something more concrete for you by then if not before. The Minister has been made aware that your request for an interview is an ongoing one. Will be in touch soon.

Clare

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**From:** Trevor Birney [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** 25 October 2004 16:57  
**To:** 'Baxter, Clare'  
**Subject:** RE: Lucy Crawford

Clare

No not without the Minister.

However, we will be returning to it in the next couple of weeks.

Do you get the sense of a timeframe for consideration fo the issues?

In the meantime, would you keep our request for the Minister "warm" so that we can get her view asap?

Cheers.  
 Trevor.

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**From:** Baxter, Clare [mailto:Clare.Baxter@ [REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** 25 October 2004 17:00  
**To:** 'Trevor Birney'  
**Subject:** RE: Lucy Crawford

Hi Trevor, at this point we have nothing further to add to the Minister's statement but will certainly get back to you once she has considered all the issues. Are you still going to run something about the Insight programme tonight?

Clare

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**From:** Trevor Birney [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** 25 October 2004 16:00  
**To:** 'Baxter, Clare'  
**Subject:** RE: Lucy Crawford

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**To:** 'Trevor Birney'  
**Subject:** RE: Lucy Crawford

Hi Trevor, I'll come back to you on the interview but can you let me know what the Issue programme will be about and who else will be on the panel? Thanks.

Clare

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**From:** Trevor Birney [mailto:tbirney@] [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 25 October 2004 10:18  
**To:** 'Baxter, Clare'  
**Subject:** RE: Lucy Crawford

Clare,

I understand the Minister was unavailable on Friday.

Could we request an interview with her tonight, re: last Thursday's Insight programme, for our "Issue" programme.

We are completely flexible about the timing of the interview - anytime between lunchtime and 11 pm.

Regards,  
Trevor.

**Trevor Birney**  
**Editor, Current Affairs**  
**UTV**

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**From:** Baxter, Clare [mailto:Clare.Baxter@] [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 21 October 2004 17:53  
**To:** 'Trevor Birney'  
**Subject:** RE: Lucy Crawford

Hi Trevor, I was speaking to Rob and mentioned that the Minister will not be in Northern Ireland tomorrow but I'll get in touch with him tomorrow.

Clare

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**From:** Trevor Birney [mailto:tbirney@] [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 21 October 2004 16:56  
**To:** 'Baxter, Clare'

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Cc: rmorrison@ [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Lucy Crawford

Clare,

As you are aware, we are broadcasting the programme, "When Hospitals Kill" tonight at 9 pm on UTV, which examines the deaths of Adam Strain, Lucy Crawford and Raychel Ferguson.

I've spoken to Rob Morrison, head of news and current affairs here, this afternoon and he's asked me to relay a request for an interview with the Health Minister, tomorrow in studio to gain her reaction to the programme.

Whatever your feelings are on this, relay them to Rob or the newsdesk on [REDACTED]

Best wishes,  
Trevor.

Trevor Birney  
Editor, Current Affairs  
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From: Baxter, Clare [mailto:Clare.Baxter@ [REDACTED]]  
Sent: 19 October 2004 14:35  
To: 'tbirney@ [REDACTED]'  
Subject: FW: Lucy Crawford

Trevor, we're having problems with our emails and haven't received any external emails all day although I think we can still send them out. If you need anything else can you give me a call.

Clare

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From: Baxter, Clare  
Sent: 19 October 2004 09:36  
To: 'Trevor Birney'  
Subject: RE: Lucy Crawford

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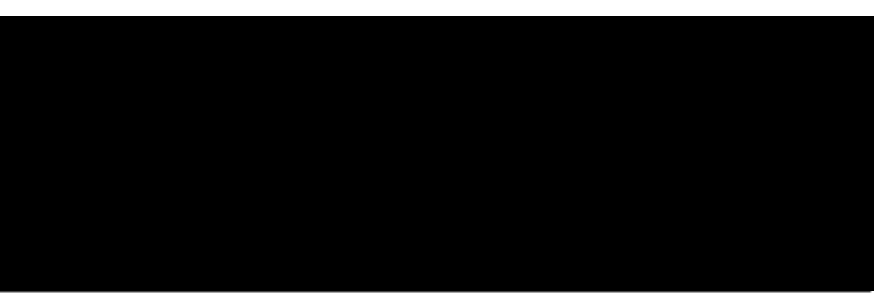

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Hi Trevor, sorry about the delay in replying. Here's the response.

The Chief Medical Officer was aware of two deaths at the time the guidance was issued in March 2002, one of whom was Raychel Ferguson. In the interests of confidentiality we do not wish to name the other child other than to confirm that the child died in 1995 and suffered from chronic health problems.

Clare

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

From: Trevor Birney [mailto:tbirney@  
Sent: 18 October 2004 09:46  
To: Baxter, Clare  
Cc: roreilly@  
Subject: RE: Lucy Crawford

Clare,

Thanks again for your help.

However, following the CMO's reply, I've got another question:

On Friday, Dr. Campbell stated:

"At the time of the interview for the UTV Insight programme on Raychel Ferguson on 17 February 2003, I was not aware of any other death from hyponatraemia in a normal, healthy child in Northern Ireland."

Can Dr. Campbell then explain to whom she was referring to when she stated in a letter circulated with the hyponatraemia guidelines on March 25th, 2002.

"Hyponatraemia can be extremely serious and has, in the past few years, been responsible for two deaths among children in Northern Ireland."

Question: Who are the two children the CMO was referring to?

Best wishes,  
Trevor.

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From: Baxter, Clare [mailto:Clare.Baxter@  
 Sent: 15 October 2004 15:19  
 To: 'tbirney@  
 Subject: FW: Lucy Crawford

Hi Trevor, here's the response. I was just checking the Insight programme but didn't hear CMO making that actual quote perhaps she said it during the course of the interview and it wasn't used? No matter, here's the line, come back if you need anything.

Chief Medical Officer, Dr Henrietta Campbell said: "At the time of the interview for the UTV Insight programme on Raychel Ferguson on 17 February 2003, I was not aware of any other death from hyponatraemia in a normal, healthy child in Northern Ireland."

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

From: Baxter, Clare  
 Sent: 13 October 2004 16:30  
 To: 'Trevor Birney'  
 Subject: RE: Lucy Crawford

Hi Trevor, here's the response to your question. Anything else let me know.

The Hyponatraemia Working Group was set up by the Chief Medical Officer to develop guidance on the prevention of hyponatraemia and not to consider the case of any specific child. At the time the Working Group was established the CMO was not aware of Lucy Crawford's death.

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-----Original Message-----  
From: Trevor Birney [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
Sent: 12 October 2004 19:14  
To: clare.baxter@ [REDACTED]  
Subject: Lucy Crawford

Clare,

Below is the question for the CMO as discussed.

As the Department is aware, we are currently working on an Insight programme examining the death of Lucy Crawford. We intend broadcasting it within the next few weeks.

In the meantime, you can contact me at [REDACTED] if you have any queries.

Question for Dr. Henrietta Campbell:

1. Was the Hyponatraemia Working Group, set up in June 2001, in any way related to the death of Lucy Crawford?

I would appreciate a reply at your earliest convenience.

Best wishes,  
Trevor.

Trevor Birney  
Editor, Current Affairs  
Ulster Television

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