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Mr.John Leckey
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Coroner's Office
Courthouse
80 Victoria Street
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Re:Lucy Crawford. DOB:5.11.1998. Died:13.4.2000

Dear Mr.Leckey,

I apologise for the delay in forwarding you my statement on Lucy Crawford as requested by you on 16.1.2004. As she was not a patient at our practice, I had to request one of the GPs in her practice to recall her notes from Central Services Agency in Belfast and then to forward to me the two relevant pages pertaining to my involvement with this very sad case. These two pages consisted of the typed record sheet from Westdoc and a copy of my hospital referral letter.

Statement:

I, Aisling Kirby, am a registered General Practitioner and have been practising at 75 Main Street, Derrylin for the past thirteen years.

I was "on-call" for WESTDOC at Tempo Road, Enniskillen on the evening of 12.4.2000 from 18:00-24:00hrs. I recall seeing Lucy that evening for what I believe was the first and only time.

The typed record from Westdoc show that a contact was made on Lucy's behalf at 18:38. As a result, either myself or the GP on duty with me would have phoned Lucy's parents back to get the details of the problem. The typed record does not say which doctor made the call and I personally do not recall. The message received however

was that Lucy was "unwell all weekend - vomited yesterday and today - spiking temps - breathing quite fast - has slept all day." They were advised to bring Lucy to the centre for examination.

The typed record records that my consultation with Lucy and her family began at 19:25 and ended at 19:46hours.

I ascertained from her Mum that Lucy was not drinking, that she was lethargic and that she had a temperature which was not responding to Calpol.

On examination: Lucy was drowsy and "floppy" in her mother's arms.

Temperature: 38 degrees.

Heart rate: 120/min.

Respiratory Rate: 60/min

The mucosa of her mouth was moist.

Examination of her ears, throat, heart, lungs and abdomen was entirely normal. As I could not find any localizing signs, I queried that she could well have a Urinary Tract Infection. I arranged her admission to Children's Ward at the Erne Hospital.

Reason for admission on referral letter: "needs fluids".

Sincerely,



Dr. Aisling Kirby. MB BCh BAO DCH DObst.