

## **INFORMATION FOR TRUST BOARD ON INQUEST**

The Chief Executive has previously briefed Trust Board in relation to the Inquest into the death of a child following an appendectomy in June 2001.

The inquest is set for hearing on 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> February 2002. A number of Hospital staff have been asked to attend the inquest and are being supported through the process by the Medical Director and the Risk Manager.

Following this tragedy, the hospital held an investigation and immediately made changes to its procedures to ensure nothing similar happens again in Altnagelvin. In addition, the hospital's Medical Director met with the Chief Medical Officer for Northern Ireland, and proposed changes in these procedures and practices for other hospitals. As a direct result, new guidance from the Chief Medical Officer was issued to all hospitals in Northern Ireland.

The Hospital has prepared a press statement for release following the inquest.