

## **Medical Director Involvement in Investigation of death of Rachel Ferguson 9/6/01**

- 12/6/01      Chaired Critical Incident Meeting - agreed Action - circulated to all present 13/6/01.
- 14/6/01      Received letter from Dr Nesbitt saying that solution 18 would no longer be used at Altnagevlin for surgical children.
- 18/6/01      Discussed case at Medical Director Meeting Castle Buildings  
                  - chaired by Dr Carson in absence of CMO  
                  - several M D Anaesthetists had heard of similar cases  
                  - I suggested Regional Guidelines needed.
- 22/6/01      Rang CMO. - I suggested she should publicise dangers of hyponatraemia and suggested she publish regional guidelines.
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June 2001      Rang Dr McConnell, (DPH, WHSSB) - he suggested bringing up case at regular CMO/DPH review. I sent him recent reprints from BMJ re: hyponatraemia.
- 3/7/01      Received copy of letter from Dr Nesbitt (CD Anaesthetics) to P Bateson, CD Surgery requesting surgeons all to agree, all agree that Hartmans be standard solution for surgical children.
- 5/7/01      Dr McConnell confirmed he had discussed case with CMO and DPHs and each DPH agreed to draw attention to paediatricians in respective boards (letter 5/7/01).
- 26/7/01      Chief Executive contacted CMO advocating regional review.  
                  - CMO replied agreeing and that Dr Nesbitt should be on review committee.
- 14/1/02      I set up meeting between CMO and Dr Nesbitt to view Dr Nesbitt's presentation on hyponatraemia.
- 9/4/02      I chaired meeting of nurses and doctors to revise Action Plan in view of publication of DOH Guidelines on hyponatraemia (letter from CMO dated 55/3/02).

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