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Glen Sharman Trevor Burney rang today, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2004 at approximately 10.45a.m.

1. He no longer wants to interview Mrs. Burnside.
2. He wants to interview Dr Nesbitt. The focus of his interview with Dr Nesbitt will not be specifically about Rachel Ferguson or Lucy Crawford but rather about a clinical view of hyponatremia and about Dr. Nesbitt's involvement as a member of the Steering Group on this issue.
3. He asked if Altnagelvin has replied to the coroner's letter to Dr. Nesbitt dated 19<sup>th</sup> February 2004 in relation to concerns the coroner raised about Dr. Quinn's report and what was the substance of that report.
4. He is "suspicious" about the hospital "distancing itself" from Dr Quinn's involvement in this matter. If, as I told him "Dr Quinn was not acting on behalf of the Trust", why did Dr Quinn use Trust headed notepaper for his report? Did he break some rules in relation to this? Has the Trust issued instruction to consultants to ensure this doesn't happen again or what action have they taken regarding this? Where is the evidence that Dr. Quinn was acting independently of the Trust?
5. When asked about the focus of the programme, Mr Burney said that he was still doing research and "looking at various avenues". He said the focus would be on hyponatremia, not specifically about Altnagelvin. **He said the focus would also be on the Ferguson family and how they were treated by Altnagelvin.** When I paraphrased this and said "how they *feel* they were treated by Altnagelvin", he said that it is a "matter of record" as to how badly Altnagelvin treated them, not apologising, etc.
6. He would like an answer about Dr. Nesbitt's availability for interview by lunchtime tomorrow at the latest and answers to the remainder of the questions by the end of the week.

Depr's advice - Don't do interview.

advised, Janet Hall

Glen Sharman

Theresa

Dr Nesbitt