

Marie Dunne - Commun. Mgr

From: Shannon, Colm [Colm.Shannon [REDACTED]]
Sent: 28 September 2004 13:51
To: Marie Dunne - Commun. Mgr
Subject: RE: Raychel Ferguson

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Marie

I am content with the answer to Q1 but would suggest an amendment to the answer to Q2

I suggest the following change:

The purpose of the working group was to prepare guidance on the prevention of hyponatraemia and not to consider the case of any specific child or children.

I think we need to keep this tight and keep referring the purpose of the group.

Colm

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From: Marie Dunne - Commun. Mgr [mailto:MDunne [REDACTED]]
Sent: 27 September 2004 18:07
To: Colm Shannon (E-mail)
Subject: FW: Raychel Ferguson
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Colm - As discussed, I am proposing to send the answers to most of these questions as cleared by the CMO.

Regarding the supplementary questions, I propose responding as follows:

1. The CMO advised Altnagelvin on 10th May 2002 that she only became aware of the death of a child in the Royal after Altnagelvin had advised her of Raychel Ferguson's death.

2. Dr. Nesbitt has no recollection of the death of Lucy Crawford being studied by the working group and has no papers relating to same.

Advice please? I'm at an FOI workshop in Toome tomorrow - lucky me! - but if you need to speak to me, I'll have my mobile with me - [REDACTED]

Marie

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From: Marie Dunne - Commun. Mgr
Sent: 27 September 2004 16:10
To: Colm Shannon (E-mail)
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Colm - See email below.

Most of these questions were asked by Trevor in June 2004 and I have the responses which were cleared by the CMO so I can send those now.

However, questions 2 and 3 - those supplementary to the statement we sent in today - are new.

Marie

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

From: Trevor Birney [mailto:tbirney [REDACTED]]
Sent: 27 September 2004 16:09
To: Marie Dunne - Commun. Mgr
Subject: RE: Raychel Ferguson

Marie,

Thank-you for forwarding Dr. Nesbitt's response.

In relation to his statement, Mr. Nesbitt appears to left the following question unanswered:

1. "Dr. Geoff Nesbitt, then Clinical Director for Anaesthetics in the Trust personally telephoned colleagues in several hospitals in Northern Ireland to alert them to the circumstances of Raychel's death."

Question: Whom exactly did Mr. Nesbitt telephone? I asked Mr. Nesbitt this question when I met him in spring, 2003, and he wasn't able to remember. Can he now recall?

Supplementary to his statement:

2. When Dr. Nesbitt contacted the CMO in May 2002, was she already aware of the death of the child at the Royal in 1997?

3. Others involved in the CMO's Working Group say they studied the Lucy Crawford case as part of their work. Was Dr. Nesbitt never informed of her death and did he not receive the paper work that his colleagues were given?

These are all my questions for the moment for Dr. Nesbitt, however, I did also forward you the following question which also hasn't been answered:

"On 18 June 2001, the Trust's then Medical Director, Dr Raymond Fulton, met with Dr. Ian Carson, Deputy CMO and Medical Directors from other Northern Ireland Trusts. Dr. Fulton described the circumstances of Raychel's death and it was agreed that there was a need for regional guidelines."

Question: Who were the other Medical Directors who attended this meeting?

Marie, we're really up against it time wise. Any chance of a quick response to these?

Best wishes,
Trevor.

Trevor Birney
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From: Marie Dunne - Commun. Mgr [mailto:MDunne [REDACTED]]
Sent: 27 September 2004 14:33
To: Trevor Birney
Subject: RE: Raychel Ferguson

Trevor - Find attached Dr. Nesbitt's response to the queries in your email below. Apologies for the delay but as you know I was on leave until 20th September.

Marie

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

From: Trevor Birney [mailto:tbirney@]
Sent: 14 September 2004 10:19
To: Marie Dunne - Commun. Mgr
Subject: RE: Raychel Ferguson

Marie,

As you know, we're still working on a programme examining the deaths of Lucy Crawford and Raychel Ferguson.

In terms of the death of Raychel, in a meeting I had with Geoff Nesbitt last year he spoke of his concern at the RVHSC not disseminating information relating to the death of Adam Strain in 1996.

Can you ask Geoff when exactly did he find out about the death of Adam?

When did he first speak to the CMO about his concerns?

(When did Geoff discover that another healthy child, Lucy Crawford, had died t the Erne Hospital 14-months previous to the death of Raychel?

(How many deaths did the Working Group, set up by the CMO, examine?

Best wishes,
Trevor.

Trevor Birney
Editor, Current Affairs
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From: Marie Dunne - Commun. Mgr [mailto:MDunne@]
Sent: 15 June 2004 12:12
o: Trevor Birney (E-mail)
Subject: Altnagelvin statement

Hi Trevor - Statement as promised.

Regards.

Marie

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