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Colm - I was thinking it might be a good idea for us to have a statement ready for Stella and Geoff, just in case they would get door-stepped. Do you agree and if so, what do you think about the attached? I haven't shared this with either of them yet.

Marie



Raychel -
statement - Sept 04..



ALTNAGELVIN HOSPITALS HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TRUST

MEDIA STATEMENT

The staff involved in the care of Raychel Ferguson were deeply saddened by the tragic circumstances of her death

While it is of little comfort to her parents and family, it is important to emphasise that the clinical practices used during Raychel's care, following her operation, were at that time accepted practice in all other area hospitals in Northern Ireland.

Following Raychel's death, Altnagelvin Hospital immediately made changes to those practices to ensure nothing similar happens again. In addition, the hospital's Medical Director met with the Chief Medical Officer for Northern Ireland to initiate a review. As a direct result, new guidance from the Chief Medical Officer was issued to all hospitals in Northern Ireland and is now available to the wider medical community.

We again offer our most sincere condolences to Raychel's parents and family on their very sad loss. We feel it is inappropriate for us to make further comment on this sad death, or on any other deaths

in other hospitals that may or may not be related to the practices to which we refer.

ENDS