

Marie Dunne - Commun. Mgr

From: Marie Dunne - Commun. Mgr
Sent: 15 October 2004 14:24
To: 'Baxter, Clare'
Subject: RE: UTV programme.

Sorry Clare. Don't know the date of this. Do you want me to check our archives - such as they are - and see if we have it? Wouldn't be too confident.

Marie

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

From: Baxter, Clare [mailto:Clare.Baxter@] [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 October 2004 13:55
To: Marie Dunne - Commun. Mgr
Subject: FW: UTV programme.

Maire I tried to ring there but couldn't get you. Do you know what date this programme went out? We have it down as 27th February - in any case we have the programme and CMO only refers to untoward deaths happening every 5 or 10 years and does not mention hyponatraemia. I'll let you know what happens.

Clare

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

From: Trevor Birney [mailto:tbirney@] [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 October 2004 10:26
To: Baxter, Clare
Subject: RE: UTV programme.

Clare,

Thanks for getting me back to me so promptly.

However, I have another question for CMO in relation to our ongoing investigation:

In an interview for UTV's Insight on 17th February, 2003, following the inquest into the death of Raychel Ferguson, Dr. Henrietta Campbell stated:

"In the Health Service in Northern Ireland over the last 10 years, I am not aware of any case of hyponatraemia in a normal healthy child."

Question: Does it remain Dr. Campbell's view, that in February, 2003 she was not aware of the death of a normal, healthy child as a result of hyponatraemia?

Again, I would appreciate a quick response.

Best wishes,

Trevor.

Trevor Birney
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-----Original Message-----

From: Baxter, Clare [mailto:Clare.Baxter@] [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 October 2004 15:30
To: 'Trevor Birney'
Subject: RE: Lucy Crawford

Hi Trevor, here's the response to your question. Anything else let me know.

The Hyponatraemia Working Group was set up by the Chief Medical Officer to develop guidance on the prevention of hyponatraemia and not to consider the case of any specific child. At the time the Working Group was established the CMO was not aware of Lucy Crawford's death.

Clare

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

From: Trevor Birney [mailto:tbirney@] [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 October 2004 19:14
To: clare.baxter@ [REDACTED]
Subject: Lucy Crawford

Clare,

Below is the question for the CMO as discussed.

As the Department is aware, we are currently working on an Insight programme examining the death of Lucy Crawford. We intend broadcasting it within the next few weeks.

In the meantime, you can contact me at [REDACTED] if you have any queries.

Question for Dr. Henrietta Campbell:

1. Was the Hyponatraemia Working Group, set up in June 2001, in any way related to the death of Lucy Crawford?

I would appreciate a reply at your earliest convenience.

Best wishes,
Trevor.

Trevor Birney
Editor, Current Affairs
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