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John L Leckey LL.M
HM Coroner
Coroner's Office
Courthouse
Old Town Hall Building
80 Victoria Street
Belfast BT1 3GL

Dear Mr Leckey,

Re: Lucy Crawford (Deceased)

Please find, enclosed my report on this little girl.

I have tried to set out the sequence of events leading to her death, as I see them.

I believe she died from hyponatraemia leading to acute cerebral swelling because of failure to administer the correct replacement fluids. You will see from my report I am critical of this and also the failure to write a proper fluid prescription chart.

I also enclose an account for your kind attention in due course.

Thanks you for asking my opinion on this matter.

Yours sincerely

Edward Sumner

Consultant paediatric anaesthetist