

~ LC CASE - MEDIA INTEREST ~

We acknowledge & understand the ongoing media interest following the tragic and most regrettable death of baby LC following her admission to the Erne Hospital in April 2000. In accordance with our commitment to discharging our corporate responsibilities associated with such tragic adverse events, we are fully co-operating with the relevant investigating professional body, GMC.

Whilst our corporate position commits us to transparently address the issues associated with the clinical and procedural failures inherent in Lucy's treatment we must statutorily comply with protocols associated with the evolving investigation. In support of our commitment to sustain public confidence in HPSS services & addressing the family concerns about the quality of Lucy's care we will continue to fully co-operate with the GMC investigation, adopting and implementing any resultant recommendations. Indeed with regard to internal processes we have already commissioned a Root Cause Analysis Steering Group to deliberate on procedural quality associated with this specific incident with a view to effecting improvements.