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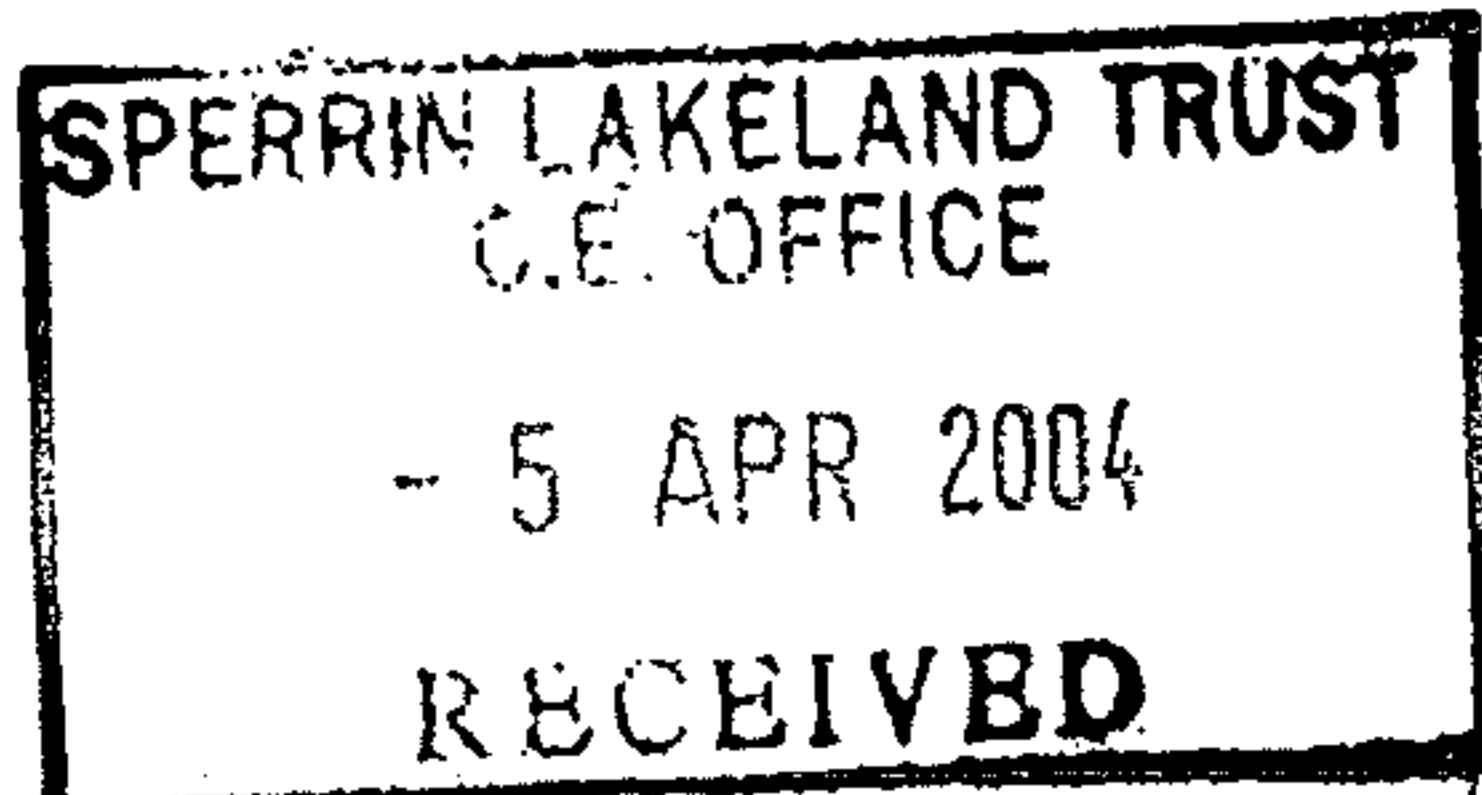


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Dear Hugh

cc: Mr Fee
Dr Gady
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*Sim - given your involvement with forlath
+ the review of practice, can you prepare response
on this aspect*
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Further to our meeting on 27 February at which we discussed the implications of the Inquest into the death of Lucy Crawford, I should greatly appreciate if you would document the background to the concerns identified by the Trust in regard to the practice and behaviour of Dr O'Donohoe.

I recognise and commend the efforts taken by yourself and senior directors within the Trust to manage effectively these difficult issues as they emerged. However, you will recognise that following Mr John Leckey's decision to forward his papers to the GMC, it is important that I have a comprehensive record of steps taken by the Trust to ensure that patients are not exposed to unnecessary risk.

In addition, I would value an assurance from the Trust that there are no ongoing concerns in relation to Dr O'Donohoe.

I know that Dr Ian Carson has spoken with Ms Anne O'Brien (Director of the Clinical and Social Care Governance Support Team) in regard to the provision of assistance to the Trust, should that be required by the Trust. At our meeting, it was agreed that such a request, if considered to be beneficial, should be formally made by you.

I am aware that the Department is preparing guidance to HPSS organisations in regard to "Adverse Incidents: Notification and Follow-up Action", and this will be issued in due course.

Yours sincerely

Dr Henrietta Campbell