

SUBMISSION TO TRUST BOARD

NAME/TITLE: *Eugene Fee, Director of Acute
Hospital Services*

DATE OF MEETING: *18 March 2004*

VENUE: *ARC Healthy Living Centre
Irvinestown*

SUBJECT: *In Camera Session: LC Inquest*

REQUEST:

COMMENTS/SUMMARY: *Mr Fee will provide Trust Board
with an overview of the issues
relating to the LC Inquest and
proposed arrangements for the
Trust to consider the learning
arising from this Inquest.*

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Mr Fee provided members with a briefing on the three day inquest regarding the death of a young child who had been in the care of the Children's Unit at the Erne Hospital in April 2000.

An internal review of LC's care was carried out and a number of weaknesses had been identified regarding the fluid regime. In June 2001 there was a further unexpected death of a child in Altnagelvin and the Chief Medical Officer had set up a review of the fluid replacement regime. Following this review new guidelines were introduced in 2002. In advance of this the Trust had already changed a number of practices with regard to the care of children.

Following the outcome of the inquest Mr Mills, Ms O'Rawe, Dr Kelly and Mr Fee met with the Chief Medical Officer to share issues and proposed procedures and she commended the Trust's efforts at the time. A further review will be carried out to learn lessons from the inquest.

The Trust acknowledges that this was a tragedy for the family and staff involved in the care of LC. Ms O'Rawe is currently consulting on a draft letter of apology to be sent to the family in the near future.

Members will be informed further after the review has been completed.