

Notes of a Telephone Conversation with Dr Quinn – 2 May 2000 at 2.30pm
re Lucy Crawford

Issues

1. Difficult to get a complete picture of the child
2. Type of fluids appeared appropriate. The amount given would be dependent upon the level of dehydration but would expect up to 80ml per hour.
3. When the fluids are divided over the length of stay the child received approximately 80ml per hour
4. There is no clear instruction on the volume of fluids intended nor the volume for normal saline after it was commenced
5. The volume taken over the 7 hour period appears reasonable
6. Question why was the child floppy
7. Did the child have a seizure or was it rigid, a symptom of coning?
8. 2.5mg of Valium given does not appear excessive. She could have been given up to 4.5mg of Valium.
9. Was the resuscitation adequate?
10. How much normal saline was run in?
11. If 500ml was given this may have affected the level of cerebral oedema experienced at postmortem
12. Was the child rigid at the time that the mother called the nurse or was there an event that was in advance of the mother calling the nurse?

Footnote

Nursing Staff advise that normal Saline was commenced at 3.15am and 250mls had been administered by 4.00am. The dose then was reduced to 30ml/hr for the next 2 hours.