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Sister S McManus
Children's Ward
Erne Hospital
ENNISKILLEN

Dear Nurse McManus

Re: Lucy Crawford (deceased)

You will recall from our conversation on Tuesday, 18 April 2000, evening that I indicated it was our intention that Dr Anderson, Clinical Director, Women and Children's Directorate, and myself would carry out a review of Lucy's stay at the Erne Hospital.

The purpose of this review is to try and gain a clearer understanding of Lucy's deterioration and identify if there are any lessons to be learnt.

I would ask that you provide me with a factual account of the sequence of events, in relation to Lucy's care, where you were involved. I would be particularly interested in your comments on a range of issues around the prescription and administration of intravenous fluids.

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These issues include:-

- What advise/recommendations do you believe Dr O'Donohoe gave in relation to the volume and type of fluids to be given?
- Over what period was it to be given?
- To whom were these instructions given?
- Are such instructions/prescriptions normally written?
- Would this volume be consistent with the volume normally given to a child of this age and weight?
- Can you clarify from the fluid balance chart for me the actual volume administered over the period 11.00pm on 12 April 2000 until 3.00am on 13 April 2000?

Lucy's case notes are available at Mrs Millar's office should you wish to to have access to them when compiling your account. Ask Mrs Millar or the Nurse in-Charge of Maternity for access to these if required.

I would be grateful if it would be possible for you to provide me with your report by 28 April 2000.

I am happy to discuss this request with you if you so desire.

Yours sincerely

EUGENE FEE
DIRECTOR OF ACUTE HOSPITAL SERVICES

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