



MEDICAL DIRECTOR

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## HER MAJESTY'S CORONER

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25<sup>th</sup> April 2003

*Dear Dr. Kelly,*

**LUCY CRAWFORD, DECEASED**

I understand from Mr Stanley Millar who is the Chief Officer of the Western Health & Social Services Council that you are aware that I am undertaking an investigation into the circumstances of the death of Lucy. I instructed Dr Edward Sumner who is a Consultant Paediatric Anaesthetist, to prepare a report for me. I am enclosing a copy of his report and I should be grateful if you could circulate copies to the staff involved, as soon as possible. Also I should be grateful if you would let me have statements from all the staff involved with the care and treatment of Lucy. As you are aware Lucy died in the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children. I have asked Dr Peter Walby who is Director of Risk and Litigation Management at the Royal Victoria Hospital to undertake a similar exercise. For information the telephone number of his office is ( )

I have sent a copy of this report to Murnaghan & Fee, Solicitors who act for the family and to Mr Stanley Millar.

I have decided to hold an inquest but I will not be able to choose the witnesses who should give evidence until I am receipt of the statements from the Erne Hospital and from the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children.

A consent post mortem was carried out by Dr Denis O'Hara and I am enclosing a copy of this. The post mortem examination was not carried pursuant to a direction I had given and I only became aware of its existence several months ago. Unfortunately, Dr Denis O'Hara is presently on long-term sick leave.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

**J L LECKEY**  
**H M CORONER FOR GREATER BELFAST**