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Dear George

Re: Lucy Crawford (deceased)

I enclose papers on this case which will require your input in due course in that it is a case of hyponatraemia from the Erne Hospital. It slipped through the Coroner's inquest net initially despite the best endeavours of our clinicians to report the death appropriately to the Coroner.

I enclose letters from:-

- HM Coroner dated 3rd March 2003
- PM Report
- Mr Millar dated 27th February 2003
- Statement from Dr Crean
- Statement from Dr Chisakuta
- Statement from Dr Hanrahan (will follow when signed)
- HM Coroner 28th April 2003
- Dr Sumner's Report 22nd April 2003
- Mine to Dr Thornton dated 4th May 2003

This case has the new twist in that instead of an issue being whether RBHSC should alert other hospitals to the dangers of hyponatraemia, Mr Millar suggests that if the Coroner had held an inquest at the correct time Rachel Ferguson's death might have been averted.

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We will need to handle this carefully.

Yours sincerely



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