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RE: LUCY CRAWFORD (deceased) DOB: 05.11.98

I am a registered medical practitioner and was appointed to the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children as a consultant in paediatric anaesthesia and intensive care in 1984. I qualified from Queen's University, Belfast and my qualifications are MB, BCH, BAO.

This is a report of my involvement in the care of Lucy Crawford. I looked after her in the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit, RBHSC on Thursday 13 April 2000.

Lucy Crawford was a 17 month old girl who was transferred from the Erne Hospital in the early hours of Thursday 13 April 2000 to the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit in the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children. She had a history of being unwell since Tuesday, and was admitted to the Erne Hospital on the Wednesday evening with a history of poor oral intake, vomiting and an increased temperature. Her Sodium level on admission was 137mmol/L. She was given intravenous fluids in the Ward, however at approximately 0300 hours on 13.04.00 she developed a seizure and was given rectal diazepam. Also her breathing became erratic and she stopped breathing. Her sodium level at this time was 127mmol/L. It was necessary for Lucy to be intubated and ventilated. It was noted that before leaving the Erne Hospital her pupils were ~~and~~ dilated and unreactive.

On arrival at the Children's Hospital she was mechanically ventilated and soon required drugs to maintain her blood pressure. Her sodium level after arrival was 145mmol/L. She remained completely unresponsive and I was able to change her breathing tube without the aid of any medications. I arranged for her to be seen by Dr Hanrahan, Consultant Paediatric Neurologist in the Children's Hospital. Sadly, Lucy died the next day 14.04.00. At this time she was under the care of my consultant colleagues.

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