From:

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**RE: Chief Medical Officer comments** 





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I am attaching two statements the Trust issued on last day of inquest, following Coroners comments, and in the days following the inquest. At this stage, the Trust is not making any further comment. I hope the attached statements are of use to you.

Best wishes.

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Subject: Chief Medical Officer comments

As requested, a summary of what the Chief Medical Officer said today.

Dr Etta Campbell was speaking for the first time since launching an investigation into the death of Lucy Crawford. Lucy's case was highlighted at her inquest last month when the coroner found she died after errors in treatment she'd been given too much fluid to treat dehydration. The Chief Medical Officer says Lucy's death following treatment at the Erne Hospital in Enniskillen was entirely preventable. Another child, nine-year-old Raychel Ferguson, died in similar circumstances at Alfnagelvin Hospital. Her parents are in the process of taking a case against the hospital.

Says there should have been a quicker inquest into Lucy Crawford's death a year earlier and had there been the lessons would have been learned before Rachel was treated.

Karen Atkinson

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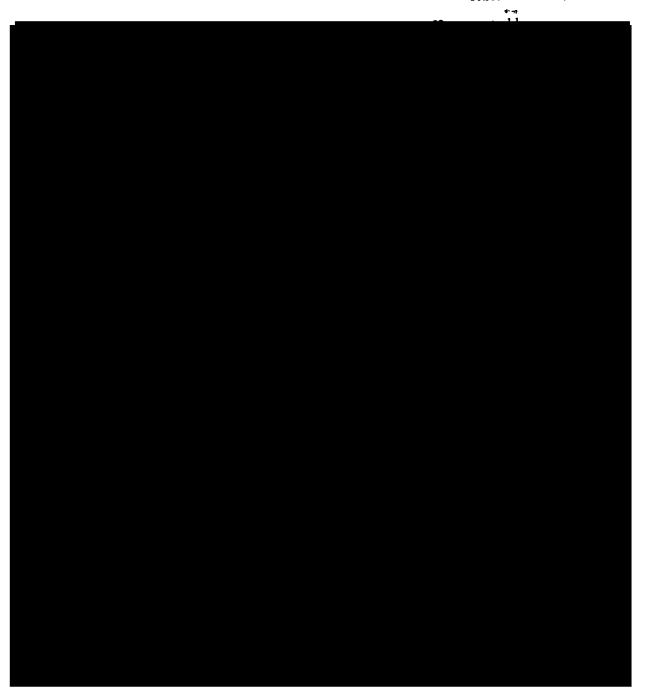
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