

From: Jo.McGinley
Sent: 26 October 2004 18:16
To: Denzil McDaniel
Subject: RE: Lucy Crawford

"Lucy Crawford"

Denzil,

The Royal does not accept that it misled the Coroner. Our doctor stated the situation as he saw at the time and subsequently took part in a public hearing held by the Coroner to establish what happened to Lucy. Our aim at all times is to help the family.

Jo McGinley
Media and PR manager
Corporate Communication
Ground Floor, East Wing
The Royal Hospitals
Grosvenor Road
Belfast
BT12 6BA

Tel: [REDACTED]
Fax: [REDACTED]
E-mail: [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Denzil McDaniel
Sent: 26 October 2004 15:41
To: Jo.McGinley
Subject: Re: Lucy Crawford

Jo.
Thank you for your prompt reply. I note you use the term "deliberately misled" the Coroner. I do not recall the television programme alleging that this was done deliberately.
Can I take it from your reply that the Royal now accepts that Dr Hanrahan did mislead the Coroner?
Furthermore, I note your method of informing the Coroner with a "brief description" of the initial diagnosis.
Can I ask, after the Royal held its post mortem, when did they notify 'he Coroner that the cause of death was hyponatraemia?

Denzil

> From: "Jo.McGinley"
> Date: Tue, 26 Oct 2004 15:31:51 +0100
> To: "Denzil McDaniel"
> Subject: RE: Lucy Crawford

>
> Dear Denzil,
>
> We welcome the opportunity to make it clear through the pages of your newspaper that no doctor in the Royal Hospitals deliberately misled the
> Coroner as to the cause of Lucy's death.
>
> The post mortem was, in fact, carried out at our request - and the doctor who contacted the Coroner's office simply gave a brief description of the patient's initial diagnosis and cause of death as he
> saw it at the time.
>

> Unfortunately, by the time that Lucy arrived at the Royal Belfast
> Hospital for Sick Children, there was little that we could do to help
> her. But we have done our very best to help her family by giving
> detailed evidence to the inquest and are very sorry and concerned
> about
> their continuing distress.

>
> Jo McGinley
> Media and PR manager
> Corporate Communication
> Ground Floor, East Wing
> The Royal Hospitals
> Grosvenor Road
> Belfast
> BT12 6BA

>
> Tel: [REDACTED]
> Fax: [REDACTED]
> E-mail: [REDACTED]

>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Denzil McDaniel [REDACTED]
> Sent: 26 October 2004 13:56
> To: Jo.McGinley
> Subject: lucy crawford

>
> Jo.
> I have been following the case of Lucy Crawford, the child who died at
> the
> Royal in April 2000 after being transferred from the Erne Hospital in
> Enniskillen.
> Following last week's UTV programme "When Hospitals Kill", can you
> give
> me
> your response to the allegation that the Royal misled the Coroner over
> the
> true cause of Lucy's death.
> Denzil McDaniel