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Dear Dr Campbell

Thank you for your letter of 01 April 2004. I apologise for the delay in responding.

Attached you will find the information, compiled by Jim Kelly on the response of the Trust to concerns relating to Dr Jarlath O'Donohoe's professional and personal conduct 2000-2002. Jim has also provided information on the contribution Jarlath has made to our Paediatric service since this time.

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One of the specific issues for the Trust which we mentioned at our meeting was the Trust's process for selection of other Consultants to provide external opinions for the type of internal review we conducted following Lucy Crawford's death. We feel it would be essential that arrangements are established for the identification of suitable clinicians, some of whom may be from outside N. Ireland. I would welcome your views on whether such panels would be co-ordinated by your office and if this will be part of the Department's guidance on "Adverse Incidents: Notification and Follow up Action".

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Regarding the support from Anne O'Brien, I can confirm that I have had two very useful meetings with Anne, one of which involved her colleagues Peter Stewart and Howard Arthur. We are discussing what support could be provided to the Trust's Steering Group to conduct a 'root cause analysis'. As I obtain further information from Anne, I will be in further contact.

If you require further information on the attached please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive

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