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RAYCHEL - INSIGHT 3 - JUNE
04....

RAYCHEL - ADDITIONAL
QUESTIONS...

Dear All,

I'm forwarding to you for your information. I note that Alnagelvin are expecting this programme to emerge in the Autumn.

Hugh

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

From: Hall Janet
Sent: 06 August 2004 10:32
To: Mills Hugh; O'Rawe Bridget
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Please see email from Marie Dunne, communications manager for Alnagelvin Trust.

Please note Mrs Burnside wished Mr Mills to see this draft response.

Janet

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

From: Marie Dunne - Commun. Mgr
Sent: Friday, August 06, 2004 10:28
To: Hall Janet
Subject: Insight Programme

Janet - You'll recall that Alnagelvin submitted a response to questions Trevor Birney asked on the Ferguson/Crawford cases in June, a copy of which I sent to you but which I'm also attaching to this email for your convenience.

Trevor came back with further questions the next day but he wasn't in too much of a hurry so we didn't push ourselves getting the answers and he hasn't come back looking for them. However, in anticipation of this being picked up for the Autumn schedule, we've now agreed our response which I've just emailed to Colm Shannon to let the CMO have a look at. Stella also wanted Hugh to see this so I'd be grateful if you would pass it to him.

By way of background to the latest questions and answers, I would advise that during my telephone conversation with Trevor when he posed these questions, he said that Alnagelvin "...seems to have acted properly and decisively...dotting all the 'is' and crossing all the 'ts'...". Why, he asked, did they do this? What prompted us to do this when other hospitals in "similar circumstances" did not? It is, he said "very important for the public to understand why Alnagelvin did what they did and other hospitals didn't."

Marie

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This is 9-year old Raychel Ferguson from Londonderry. She died at Altnagelvin Hospital a year after Lucy, again as a result of the incorrect administration of fluids. Her parents are suing and are angry that the lessons of Lucy's death were not learned in time.

RAY FERGUSON

If the doctors had have known about it, our Raychel would still be here today. She'd be still here today. I do believe, do feel and believe she'd be here if they had have knew about the Crawford's case, our Raychel would still be here. They'd have treated her a lot different. Words can't explain, you just feel empty all the time. You do feel empty.

MARIE FERGUSON

You're living, but you're in a different world, to be honest with you. It's changed our whole lives completely.

JULIAN O'NEILL

The Chief Medical Officer now accepts there was a potentially fatal flaw in the system.

DR ETTA CAMPBELL

On looking back at the issues, I think if we'd had an early inquest into Lucy's death, then it might have been that the death of Raychel might never have happened. We have to recognise that. What the coroner has now agreed is that he will draw to our attention very early on those deaths about which he has concern.

JULIAN O'NEILL

New medical procedures were put in place in 2002. But so concerned is Doctor Campbell, that she has now written to each health trust to ensure that they are being followed to the letter.

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