

Q: Department of Health. The report request for  
clarification from John at death.

Statement 1: 12:46 Fri., May 21

Trevor

The sentence which you have asked for clarification on and comes from  
the  
Chief Medical Officer should have read as follows -

"The coroner wrote to me about Lucy Crawford's death on the 3rd March  
2003.

He had previously been in discussion with me in June 2001 about the  
death of Raychel Ferguson who had also died of hyponatraemia."

I hope this clears up the matter for you.

Kevin

Statement 2: 15:26. Friday, May 21:

Trevor,

Please disregard previous line I gave to you earlier today. The line  
below is the up-to-date one.

"The coroner wrote to me about Lucy Crawford's death on the 3rd March  
2003.

He had previously been in discussion with me about the death of  
Raychel Ferguson who had also died of hyponatraemia in June 2001."

Kevin

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**Trevor Birney**

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**From:** Baxter, Clare [Clare.Baxter@] [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 13 October 2004 15:30  
**To:** 'Trevor Birney'  
**Subject:** RE: Lucy Crawford

Hi Trevor, here's the response to your question. Anything else let me know.

The Hyponatraemia Working Group was set up by the Chief Medical Officer to develop guidance on the prevention of hyponatraemia and not to consider the case of any specific child. At the time the Working Group was established the CMO was not aware of Lucy Crawford's death.

Clare

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

**From:** Trevor Birney [mailto:tbirney@] [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 12 October 2004 19:14  
**To:** clare.baxter@ [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Lucy Crawford

Clare,

Below is the question for the CMO as discussed.

As the Department is aware, we are currently working on an Insight programme examining the death of Lucy Crawford. We intend broadcasting it within the next few weeks.

In the meantime, you can contact me at [REDACTED] if you have any queries.

Question for Dr. Henrietta Campbell:

Was the Hyponatraemia Working Group, set up in June 2001, in any way related to the death of Lucy Crawford?

I would appreciate a reply at your earliest convenience.

Best wishes,  
Trevor.

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