

STATEMENT FROM SPERRIN LAKELAND HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST

This is undoubtedly a tragedy for the Crawford family – nobody can underestimate the grief experienced from the loss of a child. As an organisation dedicated to caring for people, we regret our part in this tragedy.

Practice today at the Erne Hospital is different from the time of Lucy's death in April 2000 almost four years ago. These practice changes occurred following the Coroner highlighting the death in June 2001 of Rachel Ferguson. The Trust adopted new procedures on fluid replacement in 2001, ahead of the guidelines issued by Dr Etta Campbell, Chief Medical Officer, in 2002 and staff have been trained in these practices.

The Trust will be carefully reflecting on the conclusions of the Coroner and ensure that our Trust and others learn the lessons of this tragic case.

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