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Sent:

24 September 2004 12:08

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Subject:

RE: Death of Lucy Crawford

Importance: High

Trevor,

Further to the request that you passed to my colleague, Christine:

The diagnoses that the doctors gave were not at variants, both were looking at the patient at different times. The doctors do not have anything further to add to the information that they supplied at the inquest and wish to make it very clear that they did not mislead the coroner in anyway.

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From: Trevor Birney

Sent: 21 September 2004 16:29

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Subject: RE: Death of Lucy Crawford

Christine,

Why did Dr. Hanrahan fail to tell the Coroner of the presence of cerebral oedema and hyponatraemia?

Did he feel that it was unimportant?

Did he feel that the cerebral oedema, caused by acute dilutional hyponatraemia, had not contributed to Lucy's death?

Why did Dr. Crean seek information from the Erne Hospital as to Lucy's fluid management during her stay there?

Does Dr. Crean confirm that he alerted the Coroner at the time of Lucy's death to the fact that she died of hyponatraemia?

If Dr. Hanrahan had told the Coroner of hyponatraemia, there would have been an immediate inquest. The Crawford's would not have lived under the wrongful impression for four years that their daughter had died of a tummy bug.

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Please read the Coroner's opening statement for clarification on the evidence that he was misled.

Best wishes, Trevor.

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