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Draft answer attached:



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I apologise for the delay. In view of the sensitivities in this area and the inquiry into the events surrounding the deaths of Adam Strain, Lucy Crawford and Raychel Ferguson the Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency (NIMDTA) was asked to establish the position on induction training in Paediatric Units - this took some time and further clarification was required. CMO has cleared the draft answer.

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PQ 3778/04

DATE FOR ANSWER: 7 December 2004

**Mrs. Iris Robinson (Strangford):** To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether the topic of fluid management is taught in induction training to all junior doctors who commence posts in paediatric medicine in the Province (202047)

**ANGELA SMITH**

The topic of fluid management is included as part of the induction process for junior doctors who commence posts in Paediatric Units.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## BACKGROUND NOTE TO PQ 3778/04

1. This question is probably a follow-up to PQ3292/04 about action taken to improve knowledge of intravenous fluid management. The answer to that question included the statement that "the topic of fluid management is included during the induction training of junior doctors".
2. In view of the sensitivities in this area and the inquiry into the events surrounding the deaths of Adam Strain, Lucy Crawford and Raychel Ferguson the Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency (NIMDTA) was asked to establish the position on induction training in Paediatric Units.
3. There are 9 Paediatric Units throughout the HPSS and each has confirmed, through NIMDTA, that fluid management is included as a topic in the induction process for junior doctors. This information has been used as the basis of the draft answer.

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