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From: Mulhern, Kevin
Sent: 14 May 2004 15:40
To: Shannon, Colm
Subject: FW: Lucy Crawford

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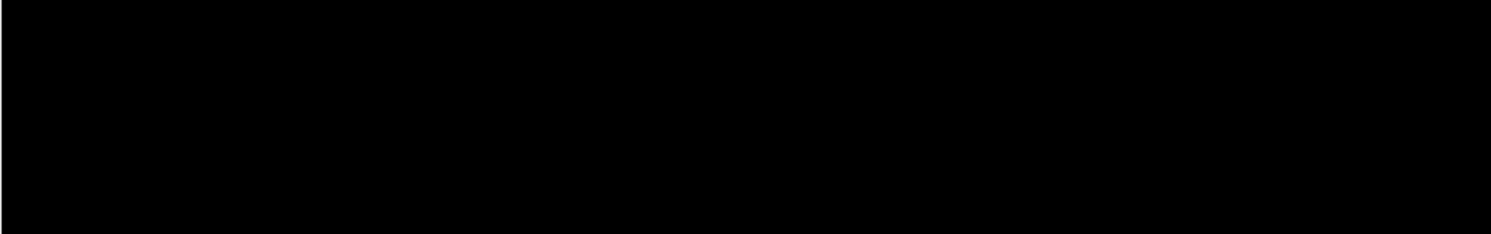
From: Mulhern, Kevin
Sent: 14 May 2004 15:40
To: 'Denzil McDaniel'
Subject: RE: Lucy Crawford

Denzil

I have discussed your e-mail below with Colm Shannon, Head of the Information Office here at the Department. Unfortunately Colm is out this afternoon but has said he would like to speak to you on Monday with regard to its content.

Kevin

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

From: Denzil McDaniel [mailto:dmcdaniel@
Sent: 13 May 2004 16:21
To: Mulhern, Kevin
Subject: Re: Lucy Crawford

Kevin.

I am sure my readers will be interested to note that the Health Minister 'cannot spare the time' to talk about the case of a little child who died as a result of still unexplained mistakes in one of her hospitals.

I think it is time that we ended this charade of correspondence. I, as an individual journalist, as well as this newspaper, and thereby the readers in the west of the Province have been treated shabbily and disgracefully by you and your department.

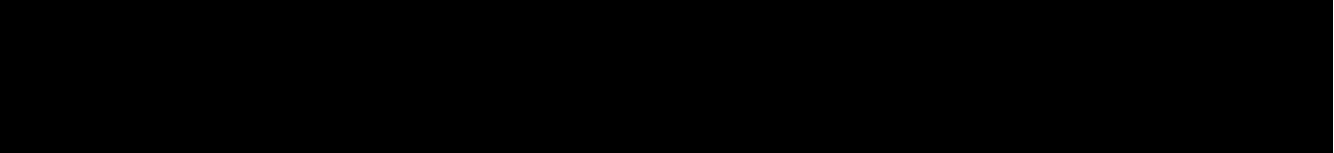
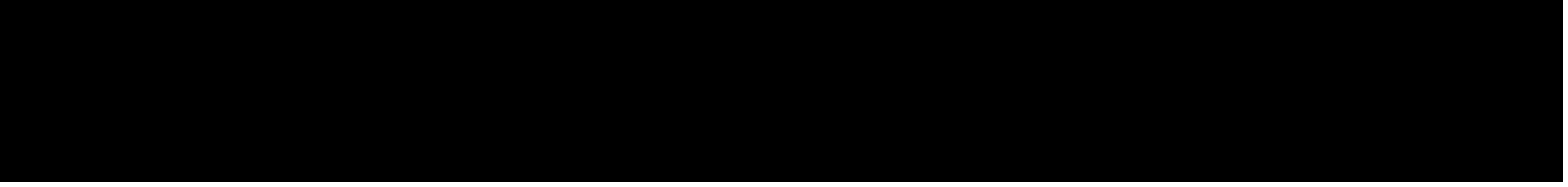
May I remind you that it is six weeks tomorrow since I began seeking an interview with the Minister, and despite repeated requests in the intervening period, the Minister has 'spared the time' to undertake a number of other engagements.

Unfortunately, an innocent child's life would not appear to be high on your list of priorities.

In our telephone conversation of Tuesday, 6th April, you said 'We're not running away from this,' and you also suggested I 'doorstep' the Minister. I note the Minister has not been in my area since, and the series of e-mails between us in the intervening period lead me to suspect, at least, that someone is 'running away from this.'

Out of courtesy, I have to inform you that I now intend to go public with our correspondence in an article in the Impartial Reporter, which will also highlight the Minister's reluctance to address the concerns of the Crawford family and the public crisis of confidence in local health management.

Denzil

> From: "Mulhern, Kevin" <Kevin.Mulhern@
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> Denzil

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> The Minister has many demands on her time at present and unfortunately
> cannot spare the time to conduct an interview with you in the foreseeable
> future. However, to be as helpful as possible to you, she is very willing to
> deal frankly with the issues surrounding this case which you wish to raise
> with her and she is prepared to write personally to you in response to any
> of the issues that you say remain. I do not believe that this is
> unreasonable and it will facilitate you in writing your story.
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> Kevin
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