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Folks

Can you please pass me your comments on the line below regarding the Lucy Crawford inquest last week, BBC are asking a few questions. The CMO has prepared the line and would like your comments.

Happy to discuss

Kevin

Line to Take

The Coroner has written to the Chief Medical Officer raising some important questions surrounding the investigation of the tragic death of Lucy Crawford. The Department will wish to consider these matters with some urgency and as part of that consideration will ask Sperrin Lakeland Trust for a copy of all relevant information, including a copy of the independent report into Lucy's death. The Department will also wish to consider what lessons might be learned to further improve the standard of care throughout the service in Northern Ireland.

#### BBC Questions Re Lucy Crawford Inquest





The coroner said he would be writing to the Chief Medical Officer after voicing concern at an independent report conducted into Lucy Crawford's death at the Erne. This was conducted by a Dr Quinn at Altnagelvin Hospital. This report concluded "proper care was adequate" but was refuted by expert witnesses and now conflicts with the inquest's findings.

In the light of this, does the chief medical officer still stand by this report. If so, why? Or does she feel another investigation now appropriate?

At the end of Thursday's inquest, Coroner John Leckey said he would also be forwarding the inquest papers to the CMO to ensure mistakes in Lucy's treatment are not repeated. Can I ask what the CMO's response is to his verdict and if any action is now deemed appropriate. If not, why?

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