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John Leckey called me this afternoon to let me know that there may have been another death from hyponatraemia. The only information available at present is:

16 year old boy with cerebral palsy admitted to CAH on 8th May with a viral infection and dehydration. At some point transferred to RBHSC. He had seizures and was possibly overhydrated during resuscitation. He died yesterday - Claire Thornton and State Pathology are conducting a joint PM. John Leckey will let me know details. When the PM results are available he may request an inquest.

Apparently the family are very unhappy about the care this boy received and are likely to bring a formal complaint.

Happy to discuss

Miriam