

**ATTENDENCE RE RACHAEL FERGUSON - 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2001**

Peter Crean who is a Consultant Anaesthetist in the Intensive Care Unit, Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children telephoned me. The parents wish to speak to him. It was agreed that he could say nothing more than the treatment Rachael received in the Intensive Care Unit. I stated that they may find it of use to speak to Brian Herron but again all he could say would relate to pathology issues. Brian Herron's report is not available at the present time although Dr Crean believes it will be available very soon. He said that there was mismanagement of this case in the Altnagelvin Hospital. She was admitted to have her appendix out but in fact the appendix was normal. The fluid balance was the key to why her condition deteriorated – dilution hyponatraemia.

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