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Altnagelvin Hospitals Health & Social Services Trust



Department of Medical Imaging
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RE: RACHEL FERGUSON (deceased)
DOB: 04th February 1992 Hospital Number AH313854

Dear Mrs Brown

Thank you for your letter regarding the above named patient. My involvement in this case is as follows:-

I was requested to perform an emergency computerized axial tomographic examination of this patient's head at approximately 5.30am on the 9th June 2001.

The examination revealed evidence of cerebral oedema, with obliteration of the basal cisterns, resulting in raised intra-cranial pressure. Enhancement of the meninges suggesting an associated sub-arachnoid haemorrhage. Preservation of the normal grey-white interface was noted. This examination was image linked to the neurosurgical centre, at the Royal Victoria Hospital.

At the request of the neurosurgical member of staff on call, a repeat examination was performed to outrule a possible sub-dural empyema. This entity was outruled.

I contacted Dr Stephen McKinstry, Consultant Neuroradiologist on the 10th June requesting his opinion regarding the findings at the initial examination.

Dr McKinstry felt that the apparent sub-arachnoid haemorrhage was simply secondary to reduced brain density (cerebral oedema) hence apparent meningeal enhancement.

My report of these events is attached

Yours faithfully


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