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Probably too late, but here is the transcript of the radio report on the Raychel Ferguson inquest on BBC Radio Foyle.

Sorry for the delay, we had to go to Radio Foyle themselves to obtain this and the tape only arrive in today.

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CHILD INQUESTDuration: 0'59"

A nine-year-old girl who died after surgery at Altnagelvin Hospital could have survived if she'd been given a saline solution by staff. Gerry Bradley reports...

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CHILD INQUEST

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An inquest into the death of a nine year old girl who died after surgery at Altnagelvin Hospital is due to resume this morning...Yesterday Belfast Corners court was told that Rachel Ferguson from Coshquin could have survived had she been given a saline solution by staff. The inquest heard how Rachel continually vomited after her appendix was removed in June 2001. She then suffered a seizure due to brain swelling and was rushed to the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast, where she died on June 10.

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It's been claimed that a nine-year-old child who died in Altnagelvin Hospital could have survived if she'd been given simple medication by medical staff. The claim was made by a consultant paediatrician during an inquest into the death of Coshquin girl Raychel Ferguson at the Royal Victoria Hospital in 2001. For the latest, I'm joined by Keiran McDaid who's a reporter with the Press Association.

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Another article from today's Belfast Telegraph on the inquest of Raychel Ferguson. If we find anymore in relation to this case we will send them across to you.

Also on the matter of getting a transcript of the report on BBC Radio Foyle yesterday. A tape has been requested from Radio Foyle themselves. Hopefully this should arrive on Monday. The problem was that the people we normally request transcripts from don't cover Radio Foyle. That is why there is a slight delay in getting this to you.

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