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

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

Regards,

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CHILD INQUEST

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

Yesterday, an inquest was told that a Coshquin child Raychel Ferguson continually vomited after her appendix was removed in June 2001. She then suffered a a seizure due to brain swelling and was rushed to the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast, where she died on June 10. The inquest heard that Raychel was a normal, healthy child before complaining of stomach pains on her return home from St. Patrick's Primary School in Pennyburn on June the 7th. She was admitted to hospital that evening where her appendix was removed. Dr Edward Sumner, who was a consultant paediatrician at Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital in London for almost 30 years, said Raychel had suffered "very severe and prolonged vomiting" immediately after the operation. He pointed to five occasions throughout the day when the little girl had thrown up and said that administering saline solution would have saved the day.

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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 Althagelvin 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 soloution 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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[Notes:Tel, Keiran McDaid

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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