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From: Trevor Birney [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 September 2004 14:34
To: Jo.McGinley
Cc: roreilly [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Death of Lucy Crawford

Jo,

Thank-you for your reply.

I have to point out that in the forthcoming programme we will be relying on documentary evidence, including statements made under oath, which clearly proves that the Royal did mislead the Coroner.

So far, the Royal has done nothing to address the issues or the questions raised by UTV.

In your reply you state:

The diagnosis that the doctors gave was not at variants; both were looking at the patient at different times.

Q: Who are you referring to has having looked at the patient and at what times? How could the diagnosis be different when Lucy arrived at the Royal suffering from hyponatraemia?

Other questions which remain unanswered:

1. Why did Peter Crean tell colleagues that he had informed the coroner correctly?
2. Why did Dr. Hanrahan not tell the Coroner or the pathologist that Lucy died from hyponatraemia?

I await your reply.

Trevor.

Trevor Birney
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From: Jo.McGinley [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: 24 September 2004 12:08
To: tbirney [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Death of Lucy Crawford
Importance: High

Trevor,

Further to the request that you passed to my colleague, Christine:

The diagnoses that the doctors gave were not at variants, both were looking at the patient at different times. The doctors do not have anything further to add to the information that they supplied at the inquest and wish to make it very clear that they did not mislead the coroner in anyway.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Trevor Birney [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: 21 September 2004 16:29
To: Christine Stewart
Cc: reoreilly [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Death of Lucy Crawford

Christine,

Why did Dr. Hanrahan fail to tell the Coroner of the presence of cerebral oedema and hyponatraemia?

Did he feel that it was unimportant?

Did he feel that the cerebral oedema, caused by acute dilutional hyponatraemia, had not contributed to Lucy's death?

Why did Dr. Crean seek information from the Erne Hospital as to Lucy's fluid management during her stay there?

Does Dr. Crean confirm that he alerted the Coroner at the time of Lucy's death to the fact that she died of hyponatraemia?

If Dr. Hanrahan had told the Coroner of hyponatraemia, there would have been an immediate inquest. The Crawford's would not have lived under the wrongful impression for four years that their daughter had died of a tummy bug.

Please read the Coroner's opening statement for clarification on the evidence that he was misled.

Best wishes,
Trevor.

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