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## ALTNAGELVIN HOSPITALS HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TRUST

### PRESS STATEMENT

The staff involved in the care of Raychel were deeply saddened by the tragic circumstances of her death.

While it is of little comfort to her parents and family, it is important to emphasise that the clinical practices used during Raychel's care, following her operation, were at that time accepted practice in all other area hospitals in Northern Ireland.

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Following Raychel's death, Altnagelvin Hospital immediately made changes to the practices to ensure nothing similar happens again. In addition, the hospital's Medical Director met with the Chief Medical Officer for Northern Ireland to initiate a review. As a direct result, new guidance from the Chief Medical Officer was issued to all hospitals in Northern Ireland and is therefore now available to the wider medical community.

We again offer our most sincere condolences to Raychel's parents and family on their very sad loss.

ENDS

10<sup>th</sup> February 2003

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