

The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

Chairman: Mr John O'Hara QC

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Your Ref: NSCB04/1
NSCW50/1
NSCS071/1

Our Ref: BMcL-0092-13

Date: 14th May 2013

Dear Ms Beggs,

Re Raychel Ferguson (Lucy Crawford Aftermath)

I refer to point 5 of your letter of 29 January, responding to mine of 11 December 2012 (BMcL-0036-12) and enclosing guidelines produced by the Sick Children Liaison Group. Two guidelines were enclosed: one for the investigation and treatment of meningococcal disease in children; the other for the management of severe bronchiolitis. Neither is dated.

Arising from this can you confirm please the dates on which these policies came into effect.

In a memorandum of 9 February 1999, (Ref: 093-035-110n copy attached) Dr Taylor referred to "agreed guidelines for admission, initial management, and transfer of critically ill infants and children" on which he wanted to consult. Can the Trust provide a copy of any such guidelines please together with the date on which they came into effect.

Further, in a minute of 26 June 2001 [Ref: 093-035-110o, copy attached), reference is made at paragraph 1.2 to a "Transport of Critically ill Children Guideline" which was said to be "currently running throughout Northern Ireland with good participation among Units".

Can the Trust also please provide a copy of the guidelines for transport of critically ill children referred to in this minute, together with the date on which they came into effect.

As oral hearings are to commence on 28 May, may I please have a response by 21 May.

Yours sincerely,



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**ROYAL BELFAST HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN
PAEDIATRIC INTENSIVE CARE UNIT**

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Undernoted

DATE: 9 February 1999

FROM: Dr R Taylor

REF: RT/AB

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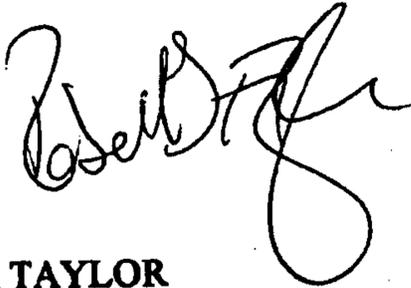
Following recent correspondence with Paediatricians and Anaesthetists in various Hospitals I would like to invite you, or a suitable deputy, to convene meetings regarding the **CLINICAL IMPLICATIONS** and implementation of the recent "Framework for the Future" document for Paediatric ICU. In particular I would like to consult widely on agreed guidelines for admission, initial management and transfer of critically ill infants and children.

Could you please indicate preference for the following date:-

March 2nd 1830-2000 *yes*
March 3rd 1830-2000 *no*
March 9th 1830-2000 *yes*

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Suggested venue is Antrim Area Hospital.



**DR R TAYLOR
CONSULTANT ANAESTHETIST**

- CC** Dr N McLeod Consultant Anaesthetist ICU Antrim Area Hospital
Dr J McAloon Consultant Paediatrician Antrim Area Hospital
Dr B Bell Consultant Paediatrician Craigavon Area Hospital
Dr C McAllister Consultant Anaesthetist ICU Craigavon Area Hospital
Dr B Morron Consultant Anaesthetist ICU Altnagelvin Area Hospital
Dr N Corrigan Consultant Paediatrician Altnagelvin Area Hospital
Dr J Trinder Consultant Anaesthetist ICU Ulster Hospital
 Dr T Brown Consultant Paediatrician Ulster Hospital

→ Dr. Bell, Please

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SICK CHILD LIAISON GROUP

Minutes

Tuesday 26th June 2001 - ANTRIM AREA HOSPITAL

IN ATTENDANCE:

Dr J McAloon
Dr R Taylor
Dr H Steen
Dr D O'Donoghue

APOLOGIES:

Dr M MCarthy
Dr B Bell
Dr A Bell
Dr B Morrow

ACTION

Matters Arising;

- 1.1. BRONCHIOLITIS guidelines; BT to present guidelines for infants with severe bronchiolitis available for winter 2001 (
- 1.2. TRANSPORT OF CRITICALLY ILL CHILD guideline; This is a product of the Paediatric Benchmark nurses project and is currently running throughout Northern Ireland with good participation among Units.
- 1.3. Seriously Injured Child guideline; SO'R to advise.

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SO'R

Chairman's Business;

Long term Ventilated Patients now occupy five PICU beds. This is unacceptable as it blocks beds for acutely ill children. Much effort now taking place to educate and train other areas to take these patients.

BT

Hyponatraemia; BT presented several papers which indicated the potential problems with the use of hypotonic fluids in children. Work to take place on agreed guidelines from the Department of Health on this subject.

Dr Taylor thanked Dr McAloon for organising the facilities and meals for all in attendance.

Next Meeting;

Tuesday 6 November 2001 at 6.30pm in Antrim Area Hospital