

# The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

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Our Ref: BMCL-0018-12

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Dear Ms Crawford,

**Re: Raychel Ferguson Preliminary**

Arising out of its investigation of the death of Lucy Crawford, the Inquiry seeks the additional documentation and information of the Western Trust, its predecessor Sperrin and Lakeland Trust, and/or the Erne Hospital, as described more particularly below.

1. Any policy, guidance or protocol of the Trust and/or Erne Hospital in existence in 2000 regarding the transfer of patients from one hospital to another.
2. Any policy, guidance, or protocol of the Trust and /or the Erne Hospital in existence in 2000 regarding the completion of medical records and the monitoring of this by the Trust.
3. All communications between Sperrin Trust officials and the Board of Sperrin Trust, and minutes of meetings of Sperrin Trust Board, touching on the death of Lucy Crawford.
4. Whether the Trust had by 2000 applied for accreditation with the King's fund in 2000 and, if so, the documents relating to that application.
5. When was the document "Terms of Reference/Ground Rules for Case Reviews"<sup>1</sup> introduced by the Trust? Please provide any documents pertaining to the introduction of this process.
6. What is the current policy of the Western Trust in respect of undertaking case reviews? In particular does it include families/relatives in the process? Please provide relevant documentation.
7. Did Sperrin Lakeland Trust have in 2000 a bereavement policy or guidance to staff following the death of a child? Please provide copies of any such policy or guidance?
8. Please provide a copy of the Trust's complaints procedure as at 2000.
9. Please provide a copy of the Trust's risk management strategy as at 2000.

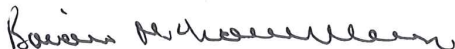
<sup>1</sup> 036a-039-083

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10. Dr Nesbitt has stated in a Witness Statement to the Inquiry<sup>2</sup> that he was told in response to his inquiry to Tyrone County Hospital, about the use of Solution 18, following the death of Raychel in June 2001, that the Tyrone County Hospital had taken the same course as the RBHSC in relation to the use of Solution 18. Arising from that please provide all documentation, regarding any decision or proposal made prior to June 2001, regarding any change in the use of Solution 18 in Tyrone County Hospital, including minutes of meetings, guidance, and communications within Tyrone County Hospital and/or Sperrin Lakeland Trust, and from Tyrone County Hospital and/or Sperrin Lakeland Trust to any other persons or bodies in relation to this matter.
11. The Inquiry notes from the document "Clinical Negligence Claim Lucy Crawford (deceased) v SLT Chronology of Key Steps"<sup>3</sup> that the clinical negligence case in respect of Lucy's death was discussed at the Scrutiny Committee of Sperrin Lakeland Trust on various occasions between June 2001 and 21 May 2003. The Inquiry requires the minutes of all such meetings in so far as they relate to Lucy's case. The Inquiry further notes from this chronology (entry for 24 August 2003) that "Dr O'Donaghue (sic) and Dr Auterson supplied involvement reports to Dr Kelly". The Inquiry seeks copies of the "involvement reports" referred to.
12. Please forward any documents, not already provided, that consist of communications between the Erne Hospital and/ or Sperrin Lakeland Trust, and the RBHSC/Belfast Trust, touching on the death of Lucy Crawford, including correspondence, emails, records of meetings, or any other documentation, and confirm that all such documents have been forwarded to the Inquiry.
13. As you know, the Inquiry is concerned to establish whether or not a discharge letter was ever sent, following Lucy's death to her GP, Dr Conner, by the RBHSC, but inquiries to the Belfast Trust have not at this stage identified any such letter. The Inquiry understands that Lucy's GP records would now be in the possession of the Western Trust. Please confirm whether there is a discharge letter on Lucy's GP file in the Western Trust and if so, forward any such letter.

As the oral hearings in relation to Raychel Preliminary are due to begin shortly, a full response to this letter is requested by close of business on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

Yours sincerely,



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<sup>2</sup> WS-035/1 page 9

<sup>3</sup> 033-084-223 to 033-084-226