

The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

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Dear Mr Butler,

INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS – LUCY CRAWFORD (DECEASED) - DATE OF DEATH 14 APRIL 2000

Thank you for your assistance to the Inquiry to date. We would ask you please to answer the following additional queries.

We note that Panel A on the reverse of the MCCD in Lucy Crawford's case was completed by the certifying practitioner indicating that further information would be provided, and that no further information was in fact provided. Arising from that please advise if there was at the time any system of issuing reminders or other follow up by the Registrar to the certifying physician in such a case (ie where it was indicated that further information would be provided but none was forthcoming).

Please also advise if any reminder or other follow up was done in Lucy's case and if so, what was the response?

Finally can you please advise what processing of the information on child death certificates in Northern Ireland took place in 2000. In particular, would Health Trusts/Boards or child /public health departments have been made aware of certified causes of child deaths in their areas?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you in anticipation of your continued assistance.

Yours sincerely



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