

The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

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Your ref: LJD/ASE1193
MEDI/3/110

Our Ref: BMcL-0093-13

Date: 14th May 2013

Dear Mr Jessiman,

Re Raychel Ferguson (Lucy Crawford Aftermath)

I refer to my letter of 26 March ref BMcL-0066-13 (copy attached for ease of reference) to which I cannot trace a response.

Please also seek Dr Taylor's instructions on the following matters.

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 he provide a copy of the agreed guidelines please together with the date on which they were drafted and when they came into effect.

Also, 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 Dr Taylor also please provide a copy of the guidelines for transport of critically ill children, and the dates they were drafted and implemented?

Please respond to my letter of 26 March, and to the additional matters raised in this letter, by 21 May.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Mr Jessiman,

Re Raychel Ferguson (PRELIMINARY)

Thank you for your response to my letter of 28 February. Can I ask you to take instructions from Dr Taylor on another issue please and to let us know the position?

At pages 8 and 9 of his witness statement WS-280/1 (in answer to question 7(b)) Dr Taylor has described the composition of the Sick Children's Liaison Group (the Group). It does not appear from this that the Erne Hospital/ Sperrin Lakeland Trust, was directly represented on the Group and if so, how? Can you ask Dr Taylor to confirm if the Erne Hospital/ Sperrin Lakeland Trust was represented on the Group. If not, what mechanisms, if any, existed, in so far as Dr Taylor is aware, to communicate the Group's deliberations and conclusions to paediatricians in the Erne Hospital/Sperrin Lakeland Trust or to obtain feedback from the Erne Hospital /Sperrin Lakeland Trust to the Group.

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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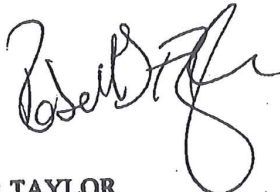
Following recent correspondence with Paediatricians and Anaesthetists in various Hospitals I would like to invite you, or a suitable deputy, to convene meetings regarding the CLINICAL IMPLICATIONS and implementation of the recent "Framework for the Future" document for Paediatric ICU. In particular I 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 2 nd	1830-2000	yes
March 3 rd	1830-2000	no
March 9 th	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 McCarthy
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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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

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