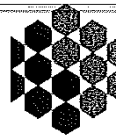


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Dear Ian

**RQIA FOLLOW-UP REVIEW – REDUCING THE RISK OF HYPONATRAEMIA WHEN
ADMINISTERING INTRAVENOUS INFUSIONS TO CHILDREN.**

Thank you for your letter of 19 May to Michael McGimpsey enclosing the above report, amended to take account of the Department's earlier comments.

I can confirm that we have reviewed this latest version and are content with the report. Minister has approved the report and has accepted the 8 recommendations made by the review team.

It is encouraging to note that the review team found that HSC Trusts and independent healthcare facilities in Northern Ireland have good operational control of the administration of intravenous fluids to children and that compliance with NPSA Safety Alert 22: *Reducing the Risk of Hyponatraemia when Administering Intravenous Fluids to Children* has been substantially achieved.

The next step will be to publish the report and I would be grateful if you could arrange to have the report published on your website on 7 July 2010. It is not intended to issue a press release to accompany publication of the report.

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I am grateful to RQIA for carrying out this follow-up review.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael McBride', written in a cursive style.

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