

Jim - I will have some papers on one copy
(this provides the update from SCD which
I was going to reek).
Lawson 14/6/06

Lawson, Elaine

From: Browne, Andrew
Sent: 31 May 2006 16:58
To: McCarthy, Miriam; Lawson, Elaine
Cc: Deazley, Peter; Galloway, David; Cavanagh, Catherine
Subject: FW: Quality & Safety Report for DMB

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Elaine
I have now added additional comments in respect of the other headings.
Andrew

From: Galloway, David
Sent: 31 May 2006 16:10
To: Lawson, Elaine; McCarthy, Miriam
Cc: Browne, Andrew; Deazley, Peter; Cavanagh, Catherine
Subject: RE: Quality & Safety Report for DMB



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Elaine
I've added comments with tracked changes to the Cancer Services Framework and Pathology entries.
David

From: Lawson, Elaine
Sent: 31 May 2006 12:46
To: McCarthy, Miriam
Cc: Browne, Andrew; Deazley, Peter; Galloway, David; Cavanagh, Catherine
Subject: Quality & Safety Report for DMB

Miriam
You may be aware that PPMD intended bringing a Quality & Safety report to the departmental Board in March. Contributions were received from the various Directorates/Professional Groups at that time. However, the report was delayed pending receipt of further information.

It is now the intention to take this to DMB on 9 June. I would be grateful if your Directorate could consider the attached extract and update where appropriate. In particular, Mr Hill asked some specific questions which I have included as DNs.

Apologies for the tight timescales but I would be grateful if you could provide the updates by 11am on 2 June.

Many thanks
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The review's report *The Future of Pathology Services in Northern Ireland* makes recommendations on the future pattern of laboratory services and the action required to secure a quality service. Subject to Departmental Board and Ministerial approval, the report is expected to issue for consultation shortly. [DN: what is the current position?] A paper seeking the Departmental Board's agreement to go to public consultation on the report recommendations will be presented at the Board meeting on 9 June 2006.

The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related deaths

The original aim of the inquiry was to report by June 2005. However all three deaths became the subject of investigations by the PSNI and their reports are not now expected to be complete until 30 June ~~March~~ 2006 at the earliest. The Public Prosecution Service is then expected to take some months to consider these reports.

The inquiry therefore is effectively on hold, probably until ~~late~~ late the summer/autumn 2006 or beyond. It is not possible at this stage to say when oral hearings may take place. It is understood that following a recent inquest the coroner has referred a further case (that of Claire Roberts, who died in 1996) to the Inquiry, but there has been no request as yet from Mr O'Hara to extend his Inquiry to investigate this case also. [DN: should a reference be included to the effect that the Inquiry may widen to take account of the Roberts case?]