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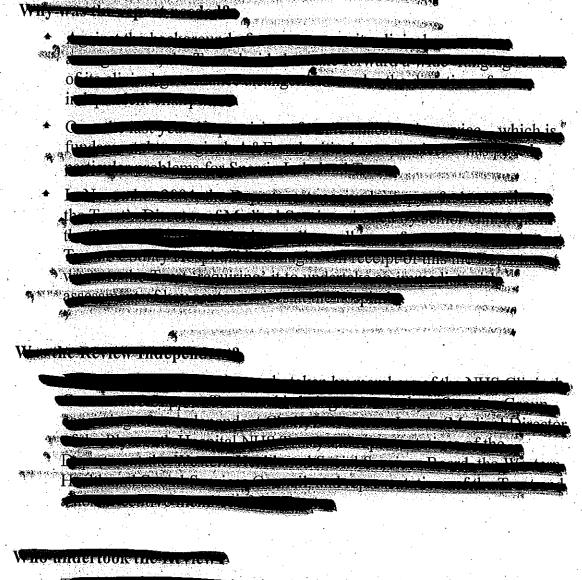
From: Dean Sullivan

Date: 19 May 2005

Minister,

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Briefing is provided below in relation to the specific points you raised with your Private Secretary his morning.

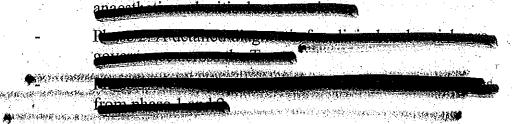


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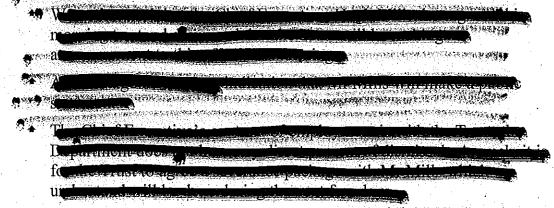
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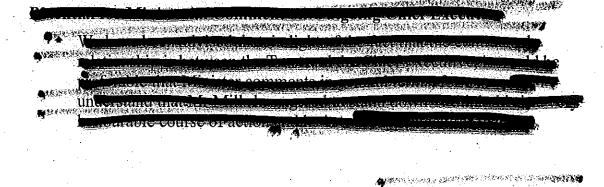
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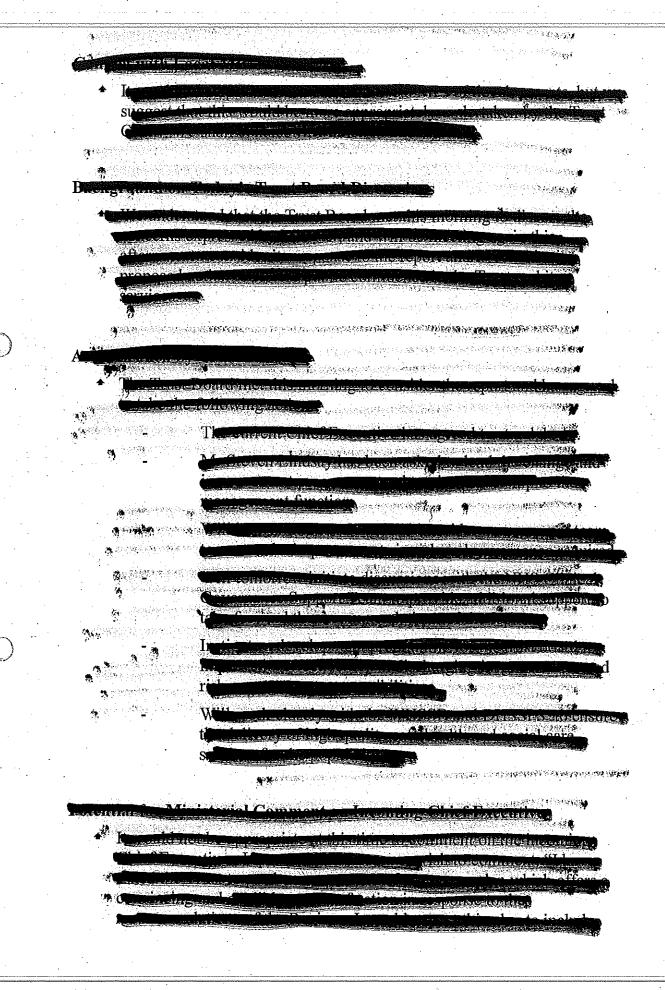


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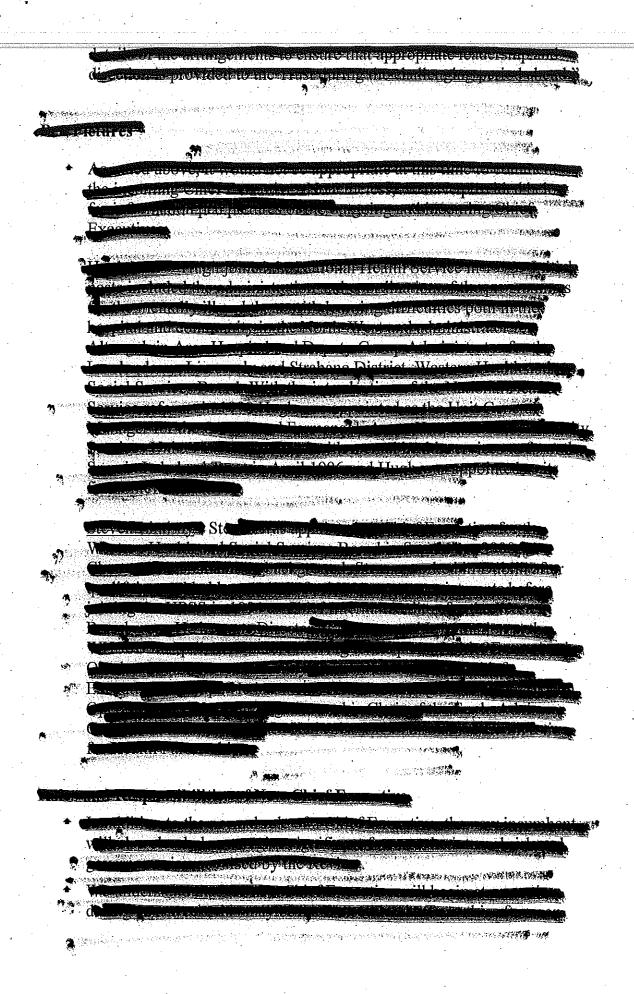




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Hyponatraemia

- ▲ In November 2004 the then Minister announced an independent inquiry into the events surrounding and following the deaths of three children: Adam Strain (aged 4); Lucy Crawford (aged 17 months); and Raychel Ferguson (aged 9).
- ↑ The cause of death in each case included hyponatraemia (a low sodium level in the blood). They subsequently became the subject of much media speculation and allegations against the relevant hospital trusts and others. Sperrin Lakeland Trust has been implicated in relation to the death of Lucy Crawford.

Chief Officer Maggie Reilly and Chairman Paddy McGowan met with the Trust in June 2004

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"to discuss the reasons why the Western Health and Social Services

Council had declined the invitation to participate in the Trust's internal review of the events leading to the death of Lucy Crawford". The Council welcomed the setting up of an independent inquiry by DHSSPS.

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