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Dear Michael,

Re: Paediatric fluid guidance.

Thank you for your reply to my letter about the paediatric parenteral fluid wall-chart.

I fear that I have not made my point clearly enough. The wall-chart is the same as the regional one, and where it suggests "corporately approved solution", we have inserted that solution.

I believe that it is confusing to have an attached list of approved solutions for use in paediatric practice from which clinicians will choose.

You have rightly said that there was significant work undertaken by health and social care colleagues in reaching agreement on the chart, and I am sure you know the part played in this by clinicians in Altnagelvin Hospital. I believe that our intravenous policy for fluids in children, and in particular the choice of fluid and calculation of rates of administration, has been honed by experience.

Could I suggest that in addition to a copy of your letter to RQIA, a copy of my letter of 24th June together with the attachments showing the charts also be sent by way of information?

Yours sincerely,

G A Nesbitt