

Gaia Inigo YOUNG - determination on 14.02.22

This has been an inquest on behalf of Our Sovereign Lady The Queen by me, Mary Elizabeth Hassell, Senior Coroner for Inner North London, touching the death of the Honourable Gaia Inigo Young who died on 21 July 2021 at University College Hospital, 235 Euston Road, London.

I make a narrative determination as follows.

“Gaia Young died from cerebral oedema. The cause of this remains unclear.

It is possible that the cause of the cerebral oedema was hyponatraemia. If the cause was hyponatremia, more monitoring and better clinical management would have afforded her a better chance of survival.

A CT scan was not conducted as it should have been immediately following her admission to hospital on 17 July 2021. It is unclear what it would have shown if it had been conducted. A CT scan conducted the following day showed subtle signs of raised intracranial pressure, but this was not diagnosed at the time. If an earlier CT had been conducted and had shown raised intracranial pressure, or if the later scan had been reported as showing raised intracranial pressure, this would have changed the clinical management. A lumbar puncture would not have been attempted, although in any event the two lumbar punctures attempted did not puncture the dura and so did not impact on the outcome. However, knowing of the intracranial pressure would have resulted in head up nursing, transfer to intensive care and potential intubation. All of this would have afforded her a better chance of survival.”

That concludes this inquest.