



**Coroner ME Hassell
HM Senior Coroner
Inner North London**

In Poplar Coroner's Court

**In the inquest touching the death of
Gaia Inigo YOUNG**

ORDER

Upon hearing interested persons at pre inquest review (PIR) on 28 January 2022, it is hereby ordered that:

1. The court undertakes to seek clarification from the two pathologists who performed the post mortem examination of the deceased regarding the potential conflict of evidence regarding the question of tonsillar herniation.
2. By 12 noon on Monday, 7 February 2022, University College London Hospitals NHS Trust (UCLH) will file at court and serve upon the mother of the deceased, Lady Dorit Young of Dartington (Lady Young), the updated serious investigation report concerning the deceased's care.
3. By 12 noon on Monday, 7 February 2022, UCLH will file at court and serve upon Lady Young a statement from an emergency physician in UCLH who treated the deceased explaining:
 - how the diagnosis of intoxication was reached;
 - how this diagnosis affected her management in hospital;
 - how the diagnosis of no photophobia was reached;
 - whether and how neurological compromise was considered.
4. By 12 noon on Monday, 7 February 2022, UCLH will file at court and serve upon Lady Young a statement from a neurosurgeon in UCLH explaining:
 - when the UCLH neurosurgical team was consulted about the deceased;
 - why the advice was given that neurosurgery was inappropriate.

5. Either in writing filed and served by 12 noon on Monday, 7 February 2022, or orally at inquest, UCLH will produce evidence explaining when & why the decision to perform a lumbar puncture was made; and when & why this decision was reversed.
6. The inquest touching the death of Gaia Inigo Young (the deceased) will commence at 10am on Monday, 14 February 2022 at St Pancras Coroner's Court. Having heard the evidence, HM Coroner (HMC) will consider whether to conclude the inquest at that point or whether to adjourn part heard.
7. Lady Young is invited to give oral evidence at inquest.
8. Dr Tom Samuels, internal medicine trainee at UCLH, is called to give oral evidence at inquest.
9. The Schedule 5 notice requiring the attendance of Dr Sara Polhill at inquest is discharged. UCLH will ensure the attendance at inquest of such medical witness or witnesses to give oral evidence as are best able to assist HMC with the likely medical cause of the deceased's cerebral oedema and thus her death. UCLH will specifically consider whether a consultant with neurology training should attend inquest to assist.
10. The Schedule 5 notice requiring the attendance of Dr Christine Gregson at inquest is discharged. UCLH will ensure the attendance at of a medical witness to give oral evidence regarding the UCLH updated serious incident report.



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