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Promised children's heart team yet to meet

By Diana Rusk

SENIOR health officials were last night accused of putting children's lives at risk after it was revealed that a specialist heart-screening team had not met – three months after it was announced.

In September health minister Michael McGimpsey said he would set up the group following the deaths of four young people from cardiac arrest in the space of a week.

Mr McGimpsey said the group, made up of leading health experts, would assess the need for all schoolchildren to be screened for hidden heart problems.

However, the father of 10-year-old Patrick Breen, pictured, who died at a GAA training session near his home at Drumquin, Co Tyrone, said it was a disgrace that, three months on, the team still had not met.

A spokesman for the Department of Health was yesterday unable to say when the expert group would meet but he said planning was ongoing.

Frankie Breen said he was shocked and appalled that the specialists had still not met to discuss ways to prevent the school-



before they do something?

"How many people have died in that amount of time?"

Within a week of Patrick's death on September 4

three other schoolboys also died from sudden cardiac arrest.

Patrick Devlin (13) died during a GAA training session in Ardboe, Co Tyrone, while two 16-year-old boys, Tony Parker and Zeeshan Muhammed, collapsed and died in Co Westmeath.

Mr Breen said he believed his son might still be alive today if he had been screened.

He said his other children had all now been screened for any hidden heart problems.

"None of my children will die without us knowing they have a heart problem," he said.

"If screening only saves one person – even though I know it would save many more lives – then it would be worthwhile."

Mr Breen called for the immediate introduction of heart screening for all schoolchildren.

"I don't think they even need to have these guys meeting up. I think they should bring in the screening now," he said.

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Gordon's Christmas blow for north's p

By Gary McDonald
Business Editor

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