

Lagos begins investigation into death of 3-year-old in public hospital

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The Lagos State Ministry of Health has commenced investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of a three-year old child who allegedly died of negligence and misconduct at one of the state government owned secondary care facilities, the Eti-Osa Maternal and Childcare Centre, Lekki-Ajah.

In a statement issued yesterday, the Commissioner for Health, Prof. Akin Abayomi said he has requested an independent investigation into the incident. "Our investigation will include an autopsy, a review of medical records of the patient and additional documents, enquiries from medical staff who

attended to the deceased, and parents of the child."

Recall that a news report in the Guardian Newspaper of Sunday, September 25, 2022 titled, 'Family of Three-Year Old Boy who died in Lagos Hospital Demand Justice,' publicized the case of the deceased.

Without pre-empting the outcome of the on-going investigation, Abayomi said, "I would like to state that this is a Coroner's inquest case, which is why an autopsy has been requested to determine the actual cause of death. I therefore sue for calm and assure members of the public of our commitment to conduct a transparent and thorough investigation into the incident, and make available the outcome of the investigation."