



# HER MAJESTY'S CORONER

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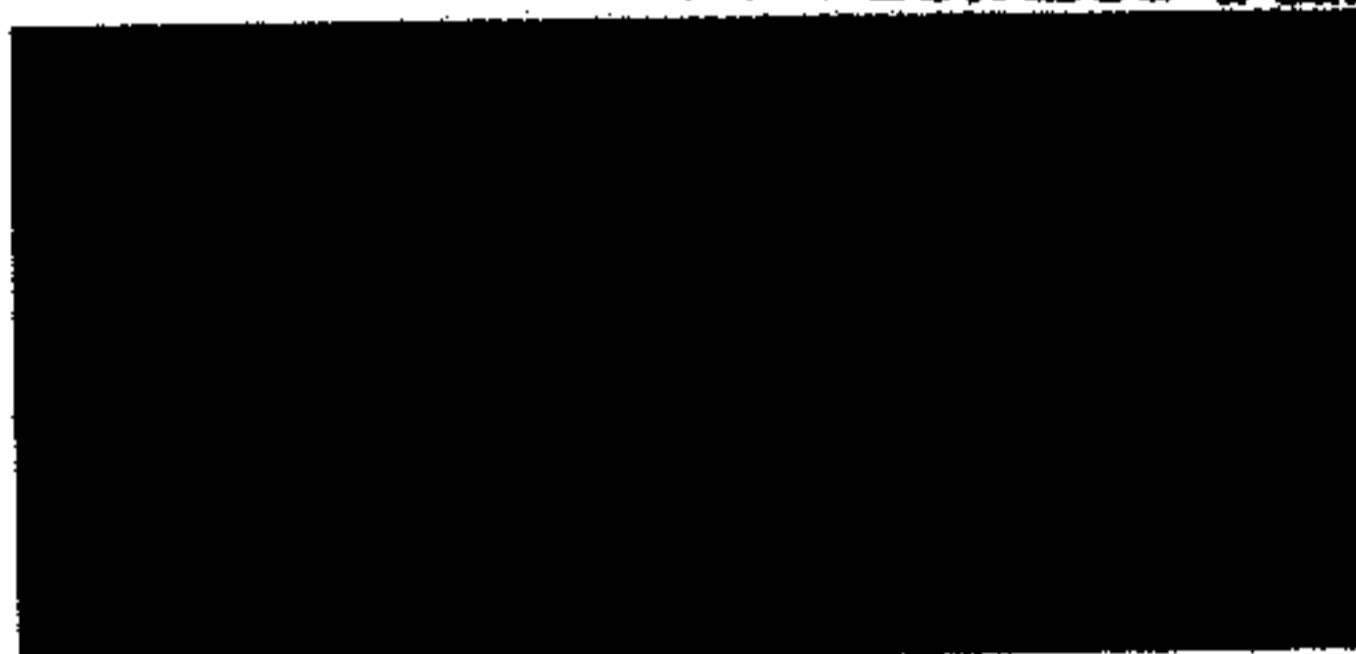
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11<sup>th</sup> December 2001

*Dear Dr. Sumner,*

## **RACHEL FERGUSON, DECEASED**

Many thanks for your e-mail. I am delighted that you are willing to assist me in investigating the circumstances of Rachel's death.

For your information I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have received from Ms Therese Brown who is the Risk Management Co-Ordinator at Altnagelvin Hospital. Please approach her direct for the medical records. I have asked her to send you a copy of all statements direct once these are available.

You may wish to speak to the two pathologists whose reports I have sent you already. Dr Brian Herron may be contacted at Regional Neuropathology Service, Institute of Pathology, Royal Group of Hospitals, Grosvenor Road, Belfast BT12 6BA, telephone number 028 9089 4742 and Dr Clodagh Loughrey may be contacted at Department of Pathology, Belfast City Hospital, Lisburn Road, Belfast 9, telephone number [REDACTED]

Rachel died in the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children and I am arranging to obtain statements from the medical staff involved there. Once available I will send you copies of these.

Again my very sincere thanks for your offer of assistance. I look forward very much to re-newing our acquaintanceship and possibly on your visit to Northern Ireland it might be possible for us to have dinner, once the inquest has concluded. Should you

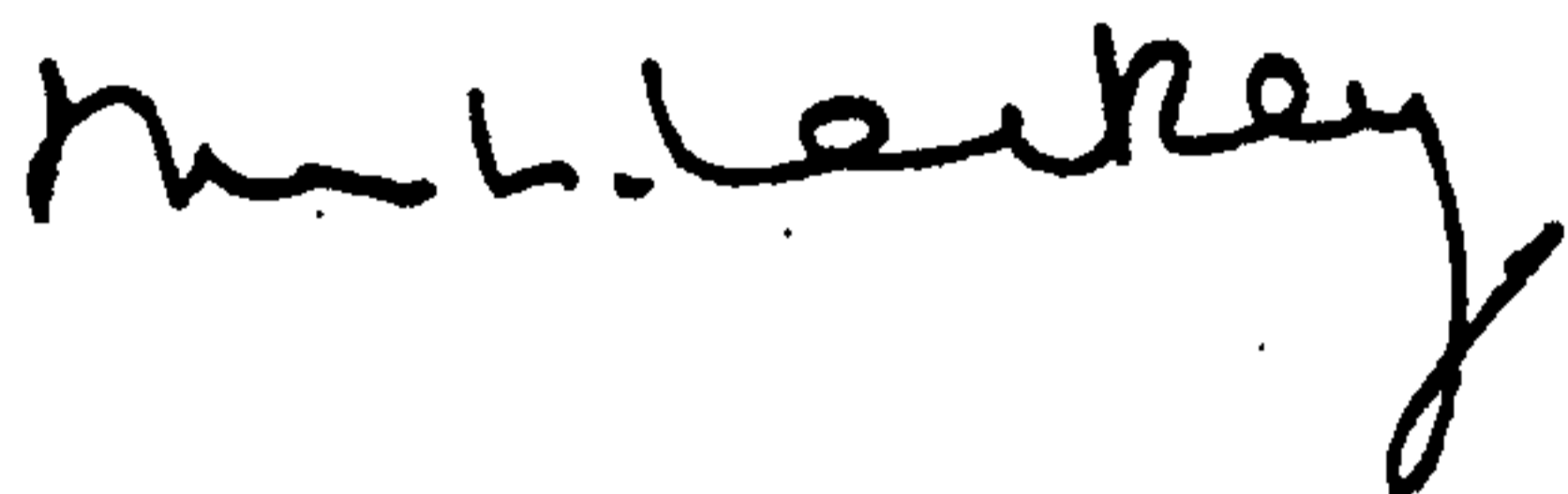
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have any queries or if you feel I can assist in any way please do not hesitate to contact me.

My very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J L Leckey".

**J L LECKEY**  
**HM CORONER FOR GREATER BELFAST**