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## RE: FLUID MANAGEMENT IN CHILDREN

At the conclusion of the inquest into the death of Conor Mitchell, Dr Sumner told me that he would be writing to you and Henrietta Campbell about his growing unease about fluid management issues in Northern Ireland. As promised, I have now received from him a copy of his letter to you.

When I receive a letter such as this I have to ask the question whether it should be disclosed to the legal representatives. As you are aware we live in an age of "transparency" and in coronial matters disclosure is becoming the norm. I spoke to Henrietta Campbell and she would not object to me sending a copy of the letter to the legal representatives acting for the family, Craigavon Area Hospital and the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children. However, I would not make any final decision until I had considered your views. My initial view is that I should disclose the letter. If I did not disclose it and its existence subsequently came to light I that it would be difficult for me to justify my decision against disclosure.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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