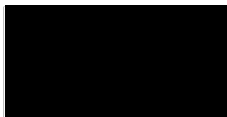
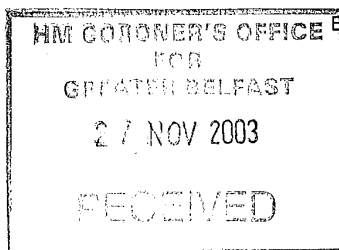


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John L Leckey LL.M  
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Old Town Hall Building  
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Belfast BT1 3GL

Dear John,

**Re: Conor Mitchell, deceased**

I am enclosing my report on this boy. I hope you find it satisfactory.

Between you and me, I think the key things here are his not being nursed on a paediatric ward and the unrecognised major fits. In my opinion, though I'm not a neurologist, we will never know exactly what caused the renewed seizure activity. I think there were probably several factors – perhaps the fluids had something to do with it, his general state of unwellness and the fact he probably wasn't absorbing the anti-epileptic drugs because of vomiting.

Please get back to me if you think I can help in any way.

Very many thanks for asking my opinion.

All the best for Christmas,

Yours sincerely

Edward Sumner  
Consultant paediatric anaesthetist