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Dear Mrs McCombe

LUCY CRAWFORD

I refer to previous correspondence in connection with the above and in particular to the Inquest which was heard by Mr Leckey on 17th February to 19th February inclusive in the Old Court Building in Belfast.

As you will be aware, I attended the above Hearing on 17th and 19th February.

I enclose a copy of a Statement given by the Coroner, Mr Leckey on the morning of 17th February. I do not propose to comment on that document as no doubt you will find it self-explanatory.

I took the opportunity to consult with Doctor Crean, prior to his giving evidence on 17th February. I consider that nothing arose during his evidence which would cause concern for the Trust. I am pleased to confirm that Mr Brian Fee QC who represented the family did indicate to the Coroner that the family did not have any concerns or criticisms to make of the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children. Indeed Mr Fee QC went on to say that the family had asked him to express their gratitude to Doctor Crean and also to the staff of the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children for all the care and compassion shown to them at the relevant time.

I have read some of the articles in the local press and have noticed that this fact has not been reported.

I also attended the Hearing on 19th February and consulted with Doctor Hanrahan prior to his giving evidence. Again I do not think that anything arose during Doctor Hanrahan's evidence which would cause concern for the Trust.

Indeed Mr Fee again took the opportunity to inform the Court that the family wished to express their gratitude to Doctor Hanrahan and all staff at the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children.

I am not yet in receipt of the Coroner's Report. I shall forward a copy of the same to you upon its receipt.

Should you wish to discuss this matter at any time, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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for Brangam Bagnall & Co


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