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NEUROPATHOLOGICAL REPORT

Requested by "The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia Related-deaths in NI"

Background:

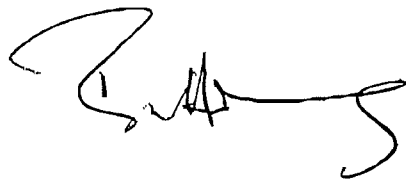
This supplementary report follows questions raised in relation to the report of 22.8.2007 to PSNI, concerning the post-mortem neuropathology in the case of Claire Roberts, d.o.b. 10.1.1987, d.o.d. 23.10.1996

Request of 18.3.2011 from Counsel to The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia Related-deaths in NI for a response to the following question :

Whether, in your experience, an acute and fulminant encephalitis causing cerebral oedema, coning and death in the space of three days could occur in the absence of clear neuropathological changes, possibly as a result of the rapidity of development of such an infection.

Answer:

My experience does not support this contention. Given the marked degree of brain swelling noted clinically (including papilloedema and CT scan) and confirmed at post-mortem, I consider it extremely unlikely that microscopic evidence of encephalitis would not be evident by 3 days. I have seen it occurring within 36 hours.



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