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**NMC**

Dear Ms Dillon

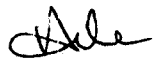
The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

I refer to your letter dated 11 February 2010, addressed to Professor Dickon Weir-Hughes, requesting that all papers held by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) relating to Lucy Crawford be sent to yourselves.

As you quite rightly point out in your letter, the complaints made against the four nurses involved were investigated in 2007. The decision made by a panel of the Investigating Committee was that the complaints should be closed, there being no case to answer. Our document retention policy in operation at that time stipulated that where the outcome was no case to answer the papers would be held for six months only from the date of the panel meeting and thereafter destroyed. All records would, therefore, have been deleted July / August 2007.

Please do not hesitate to contact should you wish to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely



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