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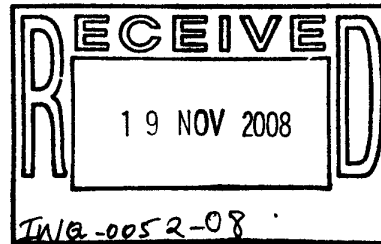
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Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths: Terms of Reference

Further to our meeting on 29 May and your announcement on the following day that the Inquiry would no longer be investigating the circumstances surrounding Lucy Crawford's death but would be including the deaths of Conor Mitchell and Claire Roberts, I have reflected on the need to formally change the Terms of Reference.

Having taken legal advice, I have decided that Lucy Crawford's name should be removed from the Terms of Reference but that it is unnecessary to add the names of Conor Mitchell and Claire Roberts as you already have discretion to examine and report on any other matters as you see fit.

As this simply confirms what was made public on 30 May in the Hilton Hotel, I do not intend to make any further public announcement to this effect. I would however be grateful if you would draw this formal amendment of the terms of reference (attached) to the relevant parties to the Inquiry.

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