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*Dr A McKnight (Director of Postgraduate GP Education, NIMDTA)*

Dear Colleagues

I am contacting you, with a request for documentary evidence, about an issue that has been the subject of much discussion namely:

**The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths**

I have received a letter of inquiry from the above group with detailed questions about postgraduate training in the areas of fluid management (and in particular hyponatraemia) and record keeping.

The Inquiry requests documentary evidence about training in the above areas prior to the death of Adam Strain (1995), and how training has changed between 1995 and Lucy Crawford's death (2000) and Raychel Ferguson's death in 2001. Furthermore, how has training changed since 2001?

I realise that this is yet another request to very busy colleagues but, in order to compose a reply, I would like as much supporting documentation, as can be gathered.

**Deadline for responses – no later than FRIDAY 24 JUNE 2005.**

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive/Postgraduate Dean

cc. Ms M Roberts (Administrative Director, NIMDTA)  
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