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Your Ref:

Our Ref: AD-0060-09

Date: 20th July 2009

Dear Sir,

I am the solicitor to the above named Inquiry.

Your name is one of a number which has arisen in the course of enquiries made by me, into identifying a suitable person to provide the Inquiry with a comprehensive paper dealing with education and training of doctors in Northern Ireland in fluid management, record keeping and hyponatraemia (at undergraduate level, postgraduate level and as part of continuous professional development). The period to be covered is 1975 to the present day.

In the event that you are willing to undertake this task, I would be grateful if you would;

1. Confirm your interest to me on or before Friday 14th August 2009.
2. Declare any potential conflicts of interest you may have, or foresee arising, with the Inquiry. To assist you in identifying such conflicts, I have attached a copy of the Terms of Reference and a schedule which provides details of the names of the children whose deaths the Inquiry is investigating, the names of their family, the dates they died, the hospitals in which they were treated and the clinicians involved in their care.

This letter serves merely as an introduction. Should you wish to discuss this matter in more detail with me, I can be contacted by email at anne.dillon@ihrdni.org or my direct dial telephone number is 02890446346.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

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**TERMS OF REFERENCE
(REVISED NOVEMBER 2008)**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY

**THE HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES ORDER (NORTHERN
IRELAND) ORDER 1972**

In pursuance of the powers conferred on it by Article 54 and Schedule 8 to the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972, the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety hereby appoints Mr John O'Hara QC to hold an Inquiry into the events surrounding and following the deaths of Adam Strain and Raychel Ferguson, with particular reference to:

- (i) The care and treatment of Adam Strain and Raychel Ferguson, especially in relation to the management of fluid balance and the choice and administration of intravenous fluids in each case.
- (ii) The actions of the statutory authorities, other organisations and responsible individuals concerned in the procedures, investigations and events which followed the deaths of Adam Strain and Raychel Ferguson.
- (iii) The communications with and explanations given to the respective families and others by the relevant authorities.

In addition, Mr O'Hara will:

- (a) Report by 1 June 2005 or such date as may be agreed with the Department, on the areas specifically identified above and, at his discretion, examine and report on any other matters which arise in connection with the Inquiry.
- (b) Make such recommendations to the Department of Health, Social services and Public Safety as he considers necessary and appropriate.

NAME OF CHILD	DATE OF DEATH	NEXT OF KIN	HOSPITALS IN WHICH THEY WERE TREATED	CLINICIANS INVOLVED IN THEIR CARE
ADAM STRAIN	28 November 1995	Mr & Mrs Jay Slavin	Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children	Prof Maurice Savage Mr Patrick Keane Mr Stephen Brown Dr Robert Taylor Dr Terence Montague Mr Victor Boston
CLAIRE ROBERTS	23 October 1996	Mr & Mrs Alan Roberts	Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children	Dr Andrew Sands Dr Heather Steen Dr David Webb Dr RM Bingham
RAYCHEL FERGUSON	10 June 2001	Mr & Mrs R Ferguson	Altnagelvin Hospital Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children	Dr Makar Dr Vijay Gund Dr Claire Jamison Dr Zafar Dr Jeremy Johnston Dr Brian McCord Dr Nesbitt Dr C C Morrison Dr Stephen McKinstry Dr Peter Crean Dr Hanrahan Dr R Gilliland
LUCY CRAWFORD	14 April 2000	Mr & Mrs N Crawford	Erne Hospital Enniskillen Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children	Dr J M O'Donohoe Dr Malik Dr Auterson Dr Crean Dr D Hanrahan
CONOR MITCHELL	12 May 2003	Ms Joanna Mitchell	Craigavon Area Hospital Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children	Dr C E Quinn Dr A Murdock Dr P Kerr Dr J Bothwell Dr E Hicks Dr I Rennie Dr M Allister Dr P Rice Dr JP McKaigue Dr D McEneaney