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Ms Anne Dillon  
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Dear Ms Dillon

I am writing in response to your letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> February 2011 requesting information on deaths of children in Northern Ireland between 2008 and the present day, where hyponatraemia or fluid overload was the underlying cause of death or a contributory cause of death.

Between the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008 and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010 (which is the latest quarter's data available) there have been no deaths to children (aged under 16 years) registered where hyponatraemia or fluid overload was the underlying cause of death or a contributory cause of death.

If you require any further details please contact Dr David Marshall at NISRA (02890 348155).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T N Caven".

**T N CAVEN (Dr)**  
Registrar General & Chief Executive