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Date: 5 November 2004

Mr. D.C. Gowdy,
Permanent Secretary,
DHSSPS,
Castle Buildings,
Stormont Estate,
BELFAST. BT4 3SQ

Dear

UTV INSIGHT PROGRAMME

I refer to your letter of 28 October 2004.

As required, I have taken steps to secure and keep safe all documentation held by the Western Health and Social Services Board pertaining to the deaths of Lucy Crawford and Raychel Ferguson. The Board does not hold any documents relating to Adam Strain.

In undertaking this work Board staff have carried out searches of the Minutes of Board, Committee and other meetings and of filing systems. Checks have also been carried out on information held electronically.

The relevant documentation has been sorted and indexed and will be retained so that it can be made available, if necessary, for independent examination.

Your office also asked the Board to make contact with ASADOC to ask them to undertake the work as specified in your letter of 28 October 2004. ASADOC is currently moving to new premises and will not have access to all its electronic and written documentation until next week. The ASADOC Manager has, therefore, been asked to respond through the Board by Friday 12 November 2004.

If you require any further information or assurance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Meehan
CHAIRWOMAN