

The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

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Our Ref: HW-0013-12

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Dear Ms Rodgers,

Re: Guidance Note HSS (GHS) 2/95 – “A Guide to Consent for Examination or Treatment”

I refer you to the above guidance and the accompanying covering letter dated 6 October 1995 from the Chief Executive, J Hunter. At paragraphs 4 and 5 of the letter all “Boards/HSS Trusts are asked to confirm by 31 December 1995” that “procedures are put in place to ensure that consent is obtained along the lines set out in the handbook, and to introduce revised documentation (preferably based on the new model consent forms described in it), with adequate monitoring arrangements.”

I would be grateful if you could confirm if the Royal Group of Hospitals did indeed comply with this request by 31 December 1995. If they did comply but at a later date please could you verify that date.

It would be of great help if you could forward your response by 15th June 2012 along with any documentation or correspondence relevant to the confirmation.

Yours sincerely,



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