

The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

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Dear Ms Rodgers,

Re: INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS

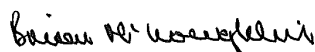
The Inquiry has been made aware of the document entitled "*Guidance on Death, Stillbirth and Cremation Certification*" and published, apparently, under the auspices of the DHSSPS, the General Register Office, and the Coroners Service. The document is referred to in Dr Bridget Dolan's report for the Inquiry and a copy is in Appendix 22 of that report.

Arising from that document, the Inquiry seeks the following additional information:

- (a) Please confirm the date on which this Guidance document was first published?
- (b) Prior to the publication of this document was there any published guidance dealing with death certification in Northern Ireland?. If there was, please provide a copy of any such guidance, and the date of publication.
- (c) In particular, was there any published guidance relating to death certification in Northern Ireland, in the year 2000? If so, please provide a copy and the date of publication.

The Inquiry would ask that this information be provided within 21 days from the date of this letter.

Yours sincerely,



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