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Ms A Dillon
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Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths
Arthur House
41 Arthur Street
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Dear Ms Dillon

RE: INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS – CONOR MITCHELL

I refer to Ms Dillon's letter of 4th September 2013 (reference as quoted above) and to the chairman's comments in Banbridge on 10th September 2013.

I am instructed the Trust has made significant progress in addressing the issues highlighted in your letter of 4th September. Given the complexity of the response required, and in order to provide detailed and accurate information, the Trust respectfully requests an extension until Wednesday 18th September 2013. We would be grateful to hear from you in this regard.

The Trust is able to confirm the following in the interim:

Issue 1(a): Intravenous Fluids in Children, Appendix 1

The title of the document at Appendix 1 is "Intravenous Fluids in Children". The Trust has established the background to the development of this guideline and this will be incorporated in the detailed response to issue 1(b) and 1(c).

Issue 2: Dr C Humphrey's letter to the Chief Medical Officer dated 7th April 2004 (007-073-145)

This will be addressed in the Trust's detailed response.

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Issue 3(i): Hyponatraemia in Children, Appendix 3

This document was supplied by a clinician in the Royal Group of Hospitals to two clinical colleagues in Craigavon Area Hospital.

Points (ii) (iii) and (iv) will be addressed in the Trust's detailed response.

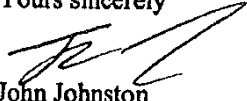
Issue 4: Letter issued by the Chief Medical Officer dated 25th March 2002 (007-001-001)

Issue 5: Examination of Conor Mitchell's Intravenous Fluid Management and/or compliance by nursing staff and clinicians with the Guidance on the Prevention of Hyponatraemia in Children

The Trust is committed to responding to the two new issues raised in your letter of 4th September and will address these in the detailed response.

The Trust understands the importance of timely responses and wishes to apologise for any delay in responding to the Inquiry's request. We are instructed that the Trust is fully committed to cooperating with the Inquiry.

Yours sincerely



John Johnston
Solicitor