

# The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

Chairman: Mr John O'Hara QC

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Your Ref: GA H99/85

Our Ref: JOH-0461-17

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Dear Mr Maginness,

**Re: REGIONAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE BOARD – WHISTLEBLOWING  
CORRESPONDENCE**

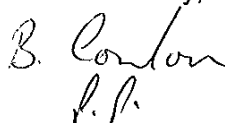
Thank you for your letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

Having considered the contents of that letter I confirm that it is still my intention to publish the correspondence which we have exchanged. Before I do so however I raise the following issues for your response;

1. The parties will inevitably want to know which child or children this issue relates to. Withholding the name of the child or children will only cause more speculation and concern. Please provide this information.
2. From your letter of 30<sup>th</sup> November I can identify the gender of the person making the allegations and the gender of the person against whom they were made. In addition the initials which you have provided identify, actually or potentially, that second member of staff. I assume that is not what you intended. At this stage and subject to any further submissions from any party I am content to give you the opportunity to anonymise more fully the information which you have provided in order to protect the identities of both individuals.

I would welcome your response by 20<sup>th</sup> December.

Yours sincerely,



JOHN O'HARA

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