

The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

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Dear Mr Barr,

I am conscious that it may be helpful to you and the other parties to keep you informed about the progress which I am making on my report, in the absence of a specific publication date.

For the avoidance of doubt (and in accordance with paragraph 1.6 of the Inquiry's General Procedures Protocol), I want to re-emphasise that this Inquiry will not include a Maxwellisation process. That would involve parties who face criticism having the opportunity to challenge evidence or draft conclusions which I draw from the evidence before the report is published and seen by other parties such as the families. While that has happened for various reasons in some other inquiries it will not do so here.

I realise that the lack of a completion date is disappointing. If it would help, I am willing to meet any interested party on a one-to one basis, along with Ms Anne Dillon, the Inquiry Solicitor. As you will understand I will not be able to discuss any of the conclusions or recommendations which are likely to feature in the report. However any meeting might help to give a better understanding in general terms of the progress which has been made and how the report is being completed.

If a meeting on that basis would be welcome, please contact Ms Dillon to make the necessary arrangements.

Yours sincerely,



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