

Public Notice

The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

Mr John O'Hara has been appointed by the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, to undertake an Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths with the following Terms of Reference:

"To hold an Inquiry into the events surrounding and following the deaths of Adam Strain, Lucy Crawford and Raychel Ferguson, with particular reference to:

- i. The care and treatment of Adam Strain, Lucy Crawford and Raychel Ferguson, especially in relation to the management of fluid balance and the choice and administration of intravenous fluids in each case.
- ii. The actions of the statutory authorities, other organisations and responsible individuals concerned in the procedures, investigations and events which followed the deaths of Adam Strain, Lucy Crawford and Raychel Ferguson.
- iii. The communications with, and explanations given to, the respective families by the relevant authorities.

In addition, Mr O'Hara will:

- (a) Report by 1 June 2005 or such other date as may be agreed with the Department, on the areas specifically identified above and, at his discretion, examine and report on any other relevant matters which arise in connection with the Inquiry.
- (b) Make such recommendations to the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety as he considers necessary and appropriate.

Anyone wishing to obtain a full copy of the Terms of Reference and the Chairman's statement or anyone with information relating to these matters can contact:

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Further notices will issue regarding the conduct of the Inquiry in due course.