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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES
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THE HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES
(NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1972

In pursuance of the powers conferred on it by Article 54 and Schedule 8 to the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972, the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety hereby appoints Mr John O'Hara QC to hold an Inquiry into:

- (i) The events surrounding and following the deaths of Adam Strain, Lucy Crawford and Raychel Ferguson.
- (ii) The care and treatment of Lucy Crawford, Raychel Ferguson and Adam Strain with a view to determining whether it was consistent with best professional practice at the time of their deaths.
- (iii) The actions of the statutory authorities, other organisations and responsible individuals concerned in the procedures and investigations which followed the deaths of Adam Strain, Lucy Crawford and Raychel Ferguson.
- (iv) The communications with and explanations given to the respective families by the relevant authorities.

In addition, Mr O'Hara will:

- (a) Report on the areas specifically identified at (i) – (iv) 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.
- (c) Report to the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety within six months or such other period as the Minister determines.