

**REGIONAL NEUROPATHOLOGY SERVICE**

3 September 2001

Dr C Loughrey  
Consultant Chemical Pathologist  
Belfast City Hospital

Dear Dr Loughrey

**Re: Rachel Ferguson DOB 4/2/92 Date of Death 10/6/01.**  
**Our ref: NPPM 61/2001**

I would be very grateful for your opinion on a case about which I spoke to you over the phone. I enclose photocopies of the Altnagelvin notes including anaesthetic notes, blood results and fluid management charts. I also enclose a copy of the clinical summary that I received prior to performing the post mortem. I would be grateful for your opinion concerning the cause of the profound hyponatraemia in this case. I have also obtained samples from Altnagelvin of urine and blood taken during her admission which I will provide for you if you have any need for these.

At autopsy the main finding was the presence of cerebral oedema with failure of cerebral perfusion. The Coroner is aware that I have asked for your expertise in this case.

Yours sincerely



Brian Herron  
Consultant Neuropathologist

cc Mr J Leckey, Coroner  
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