Your ref: INQ T50/9/15

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Dear Mrs Scott

RE: RAYCHEL FERGUSON, DECEASED

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 6th November with enclosures.

Following our telephone conversation today I have sent a copy of your letter and the accompanying documents to Dr Edward Sumner, Consultant Paediatric Anaesthetist whose report I have made available to you already.

I have no objection to receiving evidence from Sister Millar, Staff Nurse Noble and Staff Nurse Rice. I will arrange for a witness summons to be served on each c/o Ward 6, Altnagelvin Hospital. However, it would assist if you also would advise each that they should attend. So far as Dr Fulton is concerned whilst it is not strictly necessary for him to give evidence, I can understand why the Trust might wish to put in evidence the response to the death of Rachel. Dr Fulton's statement consists of a chronology to which is annexed a range of documentation including correspondence. I would have thought it might be possible to condense that without the need to refer to the correspondence. Would you be able to formulate a fresh statement?

I will await hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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