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1st May 2003

W.S. Kee esq The Chief Executive Royal Group of Hospitals Grosvenor Road Belfast BT12 6BA

Dear Sirs

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Actioned By:....

We act on behalf of the parents of the minor Raychel Ferguson, now deceased who instruct us that their daughter died as a result of the medical care she received from you and your employees in Royal Victoria Hospital for Sick Children, Belfast on or about the 9th to the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2001.

It is clear from our clients' instructions that the death of their daughter was occasioned by the negligence, breach of duty and or statutory breach of duty of your employees, servants or agents in or about the provision of medical treatment. We therefore call on you to provide our clients' with reasonable proposals for compensation within fourteen days of the date of this letter.

If we fail to receive satisfactory proposals for compensation we shall have no alternative but to issue proceedings.

We would respectfully submit that you would forward this correspondence to your legal advisors and/or insurers immediately. You should note that we are sending a letter in similar terms to the Chief Executive of Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry. it is our contention that one or both of you is liable.

Yours faithfully JOHN J. RICE & CO SOLICITORS

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