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H M Coroner for Greater Belfast Coroner's Office Courthouse Old Town Hall Building 80 Victoria Street BELFAST BT1 3GL

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BY POST & FAX NO:

Dear Sir

RE: JOANNA MITCHELL obo CONOR MITCHELL (DECEASED) **OUR CLIENT: CRAIGAVON AREA HOSPITAL GROUP HSS TRUST**

Thank you for your letter dated 5th April 2004 advising that the Inquest will take place on Monday 24th May 2004. Unfortunately, although we had indicated at the Directions hearing that the week of 24th May 2004 was suitable, we have now been advised that Dr Suzie Budd is out of the country from 19th May 2004 until the start of June 2004. We are however instructed that the male Doctor referred to in the Statement of Joanna Mitchell has been identified as Mr Paul Kerr, Consultant in A & E Medicine. Mr Kerr is available to attend the Inquest and in the circumstances, we would ask you to consider whether it would be appropriate to adopt the Statement of Dr Budd into evidence in her absence in accordance with the provisions of Rule 17 of the 1963 Rules. Mr Kerr (who is a more senior Clinician and was on duty on 8th May 2003) will be in attendance and will be in a position to deal with any issues which arise in relation to the care provided in the A & E Department.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

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