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**REGIONAL NEUROPATHOLOGY SERVICE**

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To H M Coroner

Dear Mr Leckey

**Notice of Intention to Dispose of Tissues/Organs  
Retained at Autopsy**

On your instructions I carried out a postmortem examination on –  
Rachel Ferguson at the mortuary RVH on 11/6/01.

Following the autopsy it was necessary to retain – brain and spinal cord for  
further examination.

Now that the report has been completed I have no further requirement to  
retain this material. I should be obliged if you would now advise me, on the  
enclosed form, as to how you wish this material to be dealt with.

Please note, that unless alternative instructions are received from you within  
3 months from this date, the tissue will be disposed of in accordance with  
current health and safety guidelines.

Yours sincerely



Dr Brian Herron  
Consultant Neuropathologist

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# INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISPOSAL/RETENTION OF TISSUES/ORGANS RETAINED AT POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION

From H M Coroner

Please tick the appropriate box:

Regarding the death of -

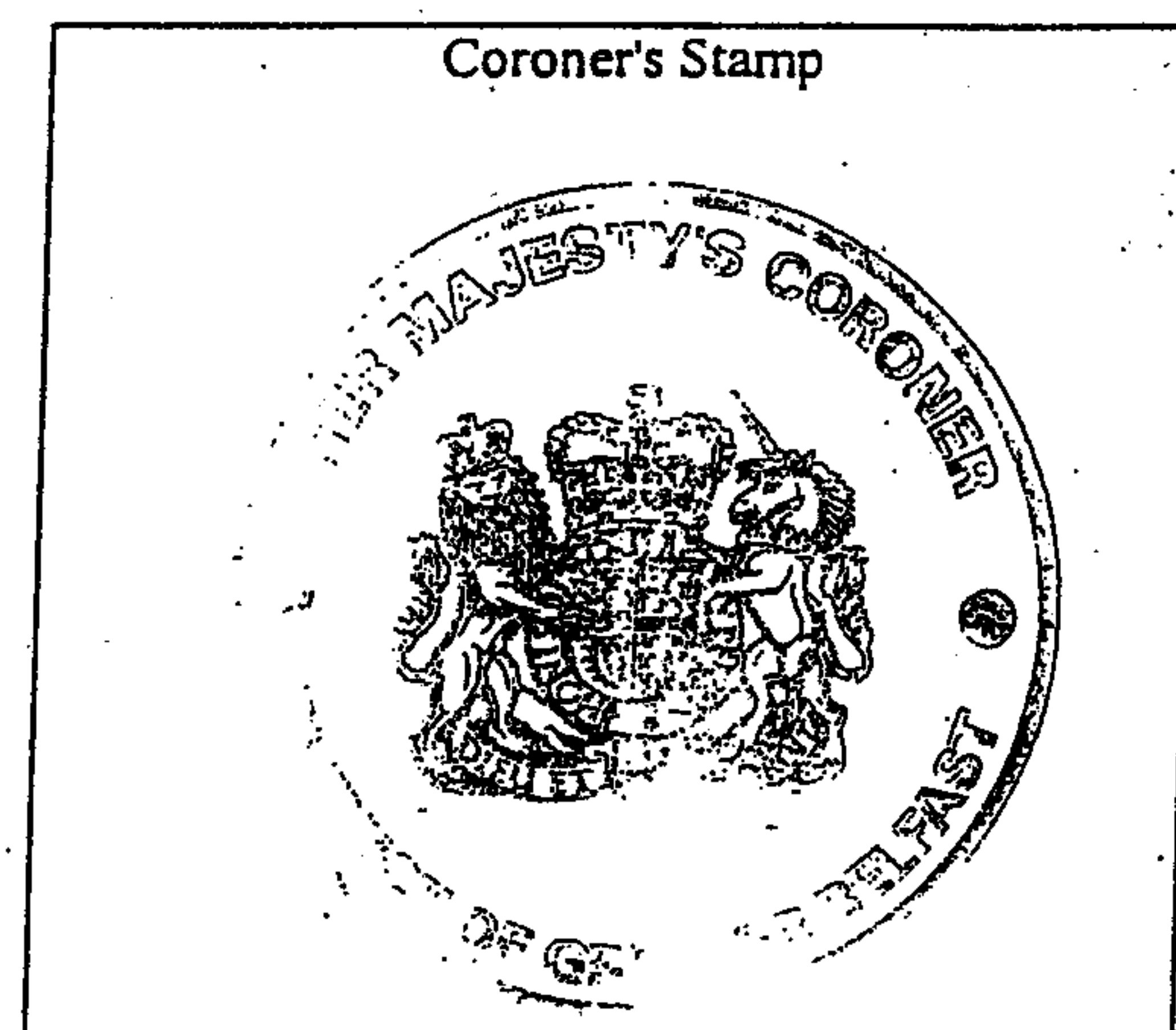
RACHEL FERGUSON

- ☐ (i) The tissue/organs retained can now be disposed of in accordance with current health and safety requirements
- ☒ (ii) The tissue/organs should be retained pending collection by a funeral director instructed by the next-of-kin
- ☐ (iii) The tissue/organs should be retained pending legal proceedings.

Signed: Phil. Cooney

H M Coroner for Greater Belfast

Date: 30/11/07



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## POST MORTEM INFORMATION

Coroner's Office  
The Courthouse  
37 Church Road  
Newtownabbey BT36 7LA

Tel: [REDACTED]

Mortuary - FGM/RVH/UHD/ANTRIM  
Tel: .....  
(To be completed by Investigating Police Officer)

MEMO TO (Investigating Police Officer) CONSTABLE ADAMS

PLEASE PERSONALLY DELIVER THIS FORM TO THE NEXT-OF-KIN AND/OR THE PERSON WHO HAS ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENT PRIOR TO RELEASE OF THE BODY OF

RACHEL FERGUSON

following the post-mortem examination on (date) 11-6-01

The following tissue/organs were retained for further examination:

Brain

Heart

Lungs

Other(s) spinal cord

Signed

[Signature]  
Pathologist/Investigating Police Officer

Any enquiries regarding the retention of the said tissue/organs should be directed to the Coroner's Office by the family or someone authorised on their behalf eg family GP or funeral director.

1. This Form should be completed once the post-mortem examination has taken place and a copy FAXED IMMEDIATELY to the Coroner's Office (Fax no: [REDACTED]).
2. One copy of the Form should be handed to the next of kin and/or the person who has assumed responsibility for the funeral arrangements who should sign an acknowledgement.
3. One copy should be left with the pathologist or a member of the mortuary staff.
4. A copy of the Form signed by the person at 2. above should be attached to and forwarded with the Form 19.
5. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CORONER WILL NOT AUTHORISE THE RELEASE OF THE BODY UNTIL THE ABOVE FORMALITIES HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH.

Signed

[Signature] Next of kin and/or Person assuming responsibility for the funeral.

Date 11/6/01

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