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5th December 2001

Dear Ms Brown

RACHEL FERGUSON, DECEASED

I refer to my telephone conversation with you on 4th December and as arranged I am enclosing a copy of the post-mortem report of Dr Brian Herron and a copy of the supplemental report of Dr Clodagh Loughrey.

As I indicated to you I have decided to obtain an independent report from a Consultant Paediatric Anaesthetist. Several years ago I obtained a report in a not dissimilar case from Dr Edward Sumner, Consultant Paediatric Anaesthetist at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children. I am seeking to ascertain if he would be willing to prepare a report in connection with the death of Rachel Ferguson and give evidence at the inquest. If he is agreeable I will let you have a copy of his report in advance of the inquest. In any event, I will write to you to confirm that he will be preparing a report for me and, if not, the identity of an alternative similar expert.

Please confirm that Dr Sumner may approach you direct for access to medical records. Also, I require statements as a matter of some urgency. I know Dr Sumner would require sight of these to enable him to prepare his report.

Yours sincerely

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