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Dear Dr Sumner

Re Raychel Ferguson

Thank you for agreeing to review the circumstances surrounding the death of Raychel and to prepare a report for the PSNI.

Following ongoing concern over the death of Raychel and other children in Northern Ireland police have decided to investigate the circumstances of Raychel's death. This may involve interviewing all the doctors involved in her treatment. It would therefore assist the PSNI if you consider and advise us on the roles played by each doctor in Raychel's treatment so that we may establish who may be interviewed as witnesses or advised to seek the advice of a solicitor before interview.

We have obtained a copy of your report to the Coroner, Mr Leckey, for the Inquest on Raychel and it is therefore not necessary for you to repeat the contents of that report.

I provide the following documents for your consideration. They have been obtained from the Coroner's file and were numbered by police in the original copy file. While the numbering of the pages as provided to you is not consecutive, it is adequate for referral purposes and therefore I have not sought to alter it. If a page contains two numbers (as in the hospital notes), the police number is the stamped number and not the handwritten number:

1. Verdict on Inquest, pp1, 2.
2. Autopsy Report, pp 5-10.
3. Report of Dr Jenkins, pp11-12.
4. Statement of Dr Jamison, p18.
5. Statement of Dr Makar, p19.
6. Statement of Dr Gilliland, p 20.
7. Statement of Marie Ferguson, pp21-24.
8. Statement of Dr Zafar (unsigned), p25.
9. Statement of Dr Fulton, p26-27.
10. Statement of Sister Millar, p37.
11. Statement of Staff Nurse Noble, p38-42.
12. Statement of Staff Rice, p43.
13. Altnagelvin Hospital Notes, pp44-114.
14. Deposition of Dr Zafar, p115.
15. Letter and report of Dr Morrison, p135-136.
16. Statement of Dr McCord, pp144-145.
17. Statement of Dr Gund, p147.
18. Statement of Dr Trainor, pp149-150.

19. Statement of Dr Nesbitt, p151.
20. Statement of Dr Johnston, pp158-159.
21. List of Clinical staff involved in Rachel's care, p160.
22. Statement of Dr Crean, p163.
23. Statement of Dr Aparna Date, pp166-167.
24. Statement of Dr Loughrey, pp168-171.
25. Report of Dr Sumner for the Coroner, pp259-263.
26. Deposition of Marie Ferguson, pp278-282A.
27. Deposition of Dr Sumner, pp283-285A.
28. Deposition of Dr Jenkins, pp286-289.
29. Deposition of Dr Herron, pp290-291.
30. Deposition of Dr Crean, pp292-293.
31. Deposition of Dr Gund, pp294-296.
32. Deposition of Dr Jamison, pp297-298.
33. Deposition of Dr Trainor, pp299-302.
34. Deposition of Dr McCord, pp303-305A.
35. Deposition of Dr Nesbitt, pp306-308A.
36. Deposition of Dr Gilliland, pp309-311.
37. Deposition of Dr Fulton, pp312-314.
38. Deposition of Dr Johnston, pp331-334.
39. Deposition of Sister Millar, pp335-336 (there is a discrepancy in numbering here and p337 precedes p336).
40. Deposition of Staff Nurse Rice, pp338-339.
41. Deposition of Staff Nurse Noble, pp340-344.
42. Deposition of Staff Nurse Gilchrist, pp345-348.
43. Deposition of Dr Makar, pp349-350.
44. Deposition of Dr Zafar, p351.
45. Statement of Staff Nurse Gilchrist, pp428-429.

If there are any documents not provided which you believe may exist and would be of benefit to you, please inform me and I will endeavour to obtain them.

If you could advise me when your deliberations on these documents are complete and you are in a position to write a report, we could agree the most expeditious means to proceed. This death is the subject of a Public Inquiry, whose proceedings may be impeded by the police investigation, and therefore there is a burden on the PSNI to proceed expeditiously.

If I can be of any assistance please contact me at the telephone number or email address on this letter, or on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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Detective Sergeant