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Dear Gary

Re: Claire Roberts (deceased)

I enclose a copy of the Verdict on the Claire Roberts' Inquest. It contains an important error which if allowed to stand will throw the case right into Mr. O'Hara's hands.

H M Coroner states "I accept the evidence of Dr Heather Steen, Consultant Paediatrician, that the first blood test showing a serum sodium level of 121 mmol/l should have led to a clinical re-assessment of Claire. That blood test should have been repeated and at the same time there should have been a reduction in fluids." This is incorrect as there was a reduction of fluids as the saline was reduced to 2/3 of its value. I think HM Coroner meant to write " ... there should have been a **greater** reduction in fluids." To let this point go will create difficulty in the future I am sure and I would be grateful if you would take this up with H M Coroner please. Dr. Steen has been consulted and she feels it is important that we draw attention to it.

Yours sincerely

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