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Dear Mr Walby

CLAIRE ROBERTS (DECEASED) -v- ROYAL GROUP OF HOSPITALS

I refer to our brief telephone conversation of even date.

The Coroner's Office have confirmed that the following individuals will give evidence at the Inquest listed to proceed tomorrow morning:

- Dr Herron, Pathologist
- Mr Machonocie
- Dr R M Bingham, Consultant Paediatric Anaesthetist
- Alan Roberts
- Mr Andrew Sands, Consultant in Paediatric Cardiology
- Professor Young, Consultant in Clinical Biochemistry
- Dr Steen, Paediatric Consultant
- Dr Webb, Consultant Paediatric Neurologist

The Coroner's Office remain of the view that this Inquest will not take more than 1 day.

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I have had the opportunity of speaking with Dr Webb, Consultant Paediatric Neurologist on 2 occasions. He has confirmed that he has a copy of all of the documents. Dr Webb has not given evidence at an Inquest to date.

Dr Webb's concerns are few in number and can be summarised as follows;

He regrets that Claire Roberts was not transferred to the Intensive Care Unit, he had thought that the sodium level of 132 was taken on the morning of 22nd October and not on the evening of 21st October, he recognises that this is a low sodium level but remains of the view that the fluid regime was the appropriate regime at that time.

Dr Webb is also of the view that the family were fully aware of the extent of the Deceased's illness.

I have arranged to consult with Dr Webb and Counsel, Mr Michael Lavery BL, at 9am tomorrow morning at the Old Townhall Building. I understand that you are available to attend that consultation.

Should you wish to discuss this matter or require further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely


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