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4th July 2006

Her Majesty's Coroner
District of Greater Belfast
Coroner's Office
May's Chambers
May Street
Belfast
BT1 3JL

Dear Sirs

CLAIRE ROBERTS (DECEASED)

We refer to previous correspondence in connection with the above.

We did pass a copy of your letter of 31st May to our Clients for their consideration.

Our Clients are of the view that evidence given at the Inquest was not critical of the fluid management. Dr Steen's Deposition states on page 2 first paragraph "... she (Dr Batholomew) advised that N5 Saline be reduced to 2/3 of its present value i.e. 41 mls per hour ...". This issue does not appear to have been contested at the Inquest. Unfortunately we are not in possession of the handwritten amendments to Dr Steen's Deposition and would be obliged if the same could be forwarded to us by return.

It appears that in the Verdict Dr Steen's evidence is accepted when the following quote is given "... at the same time there should have been a reduction in fluids".

Our Clients advise that both of the above comments are incompatible. Either it is accepted that there was a planned reduction in fluids or as now appears in the Verdict there was not.

We would be obliged if you would give this issue your further consideration.

Should you wish to discuss this matter please do not hesitate to contact the writer.

Yours sincerely



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