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Dr Declan Ward
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Dear Dr Ward

RACHEL FERGUSON (DECEASED) – INQUEST AT BELFAST CORONER'S COURT, ON 5, 6 & 7 OF FEBRUARY 2003

I refer to our earlier telephone conversation regarding the above matter and thank you for agreeing to act as an Independent Expert on behalf of Altnagelvin Hospitals Health and Social Services Trust.

The Deceased was born on 4 February 1992 and died at the Royal Victoria Hospital on 10 June 2001. Rachel had been admitted to Altnagelvin Hospital on 7 June 2001 and was diagnosed as having appendicitis. Appendectomy was carried out on the same day and her subsequent progress is detailed in the enclosed report. The Coroner is to hold an inquest into her death at Belfast Coroner's Court, Victoria Street, Belfast on 5, 6 and 7 of February 2003. The Coroner has obtained an Independent Report from Dr Sumner, Consultant Paediatric Anaesthetist. I would be obliged if you could provide comment regarding the treatment provided and the issues raised by Dr Sumner in his report.

I thank you for agreeing to prepare a report and attend the Inquest Hearing on behalf of the Trust in respect of this matter. I look forward to receiving your report as soon as ever possible.

Yours sincerely



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SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS

RACHEL FERGUSON

1. Statement of Jeremy Johnston - undated. ✓
2. Statement of Dr B Trainor dated 15 December 2001. ✓
3. Statement of Dr Morrison dated 6 December 2001. ✓
4. Statement of Dr. Ragai Reda Makar dated 16 January 2002. ✓
5. Report of Mr Gilliland dated 30 January 2002. ✓
6. Statement of Dr McCord dated 12 June 2001. ✓
7. Statement of Dr Nesbitt dated 14 Nov 2001. ✓
8. Statement of Staff Nurse Sandra Gilchrist dated 10 June 2001. ✓
9. Statement of Staff Nurse Noble dated 14 June 2001. ✓
10. Statement of Sister Millar dated 15 June 2001. ✓
11. Statement of Staff Nurse Michaela Rice dated 26 June 2001. ✓
12. Statement of Dr Daté dated 12 December 2001. ✓
13. Statement of Dr Jamison dated 3 February 2002. ✓
14. Statement of Dr Zafar dated 22 March 2002. ✓
15. Independent Report prepared for the Coroner by Dr Sumner dated February 2002. ✓
16. Extracts from literature - Huskisson and Arieff. ✓
17. Autopsy Report. ✓
18. Draft Press Statement - Altnagelvin Hospital. ✓
19. Copy Altnagelvin Hospital notes and records. ✓

Dated the *4th* day of *December* 2002

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