



# HER MAJESTY'S CORONER

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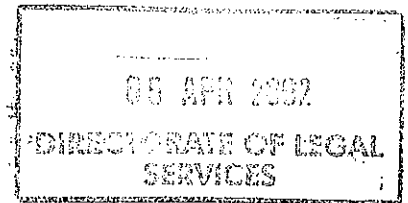
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Your ref: INQ T50/9/15

4<sup>th</sup> April 2002

Dear Ms Carey

**RACHEL FERGUSON, DECEASED**

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I refer to my telephone conversation of 3<sup>rd</sup> April with Miss Cassidy.

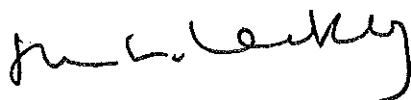
I explained that Rachel's parents had called with me that morning to discuss what was involved in the inquest. Apparently they had been considering for some time whether they should seek legal representation and in the course of our conversation it became clear that they felt they needed this assistance. As you are aware the Lord Chancellor has established an extra-statutory scheme providing funding for legal representation at inquests. I spoke to Rachel's parents this morning and they confirmed that their solicitor would be making application for funding. For your information their solicitor is Joseph Stewart, 19 Riverview, Ballykelly.

In any event I am sure that we will wish to consider the recent judgment of the Court of Appeal in England once it becomes available.

Regarding your letter of 29<sup>th</sup> March I have sent a copy to Dr Sumner for comment. So far as the point you made regarding vomiting I have no objection to receiving

evidence from any nurses who are in a position to give relevant evidence. It would be helpful if you would identify which nurse or nurses you would wish me to call.

Yours sincerely



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**HM CORONER FOR GREATER BELFAST**

Cc Mrs Therese Brown, Risk Management Co-Ordinator, Altnagelvin Area Hospital

