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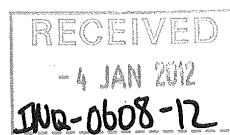
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Your Ref:
BC-0063-11

Our Ref:
HYP B4/01

Date:
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Ms Bernie Conlon
Secretary to the Inquiry
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Dear Madam,

RE: INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS

I refer to the above and your letter (BC-0063-11). I now enclose a copy of the current structure of the RBHSC and its specialist departments in response to 2b thereof. I am instructed that the laboratory does not form part of the structure of RBHSC. An equivalent structure for 1995 is also enclosed.

I trust that this is in order.

Yours faithfully,

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Providing Support to Health and Social Care



The Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children (RBHSC) is part of the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust. RBHSC is a 96 bed hospital which functions as a District General Paediatric Unit and in addition houses most of the Paediatric Regional specialities for Northern Ireland, including Endocrinology, Cystic Fibrosis, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Nephrology, Haematology, Cardiology, Child Psychiatry, Intensive Care, Paediatric and Neonatal Surgery, Trauma and Orthopaedics, Plastic Surgery and Burns, Respiratory Disease, Infectious Diseases, Oncology and Dentistry. The main hospital laboratory complex, including the Regional Paediatric Biochemistry Laboratory and Neonatal Screening Unit, Regional Endocrine Laboratory and Virus Reference Laboratory are a short distance away on site. Within RBHSC there are also Radiology, Dietetic, Physiotherapy, Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Clinical Psychology and Play Specialist Departments.

A new building opened in 1999 providing significantly upgraded accommodation for the A&E Department, Outpatient Department, Theatres and Intensive Care Unit and Medical Records Department.

The Regional Neonatology unit is located at the Royal Jubilee Maternity Hospital within the campus.

The Belfast Health and Social Care Trust is managed through a system of clinical and non-clinical Directorates of which Specialist Hospitals, Women & Child Health is one and RBHSC is managed within this. The Director, along with the Co-Directors, is responsible for the management arrangements within the Directorate. An Associate Medical Director is responsible for the Directorate and a Clinical Director is responsible for Medical and Surgical Specialities within RBHSC.

1. Medical Staffing – RBHSC

Medical Paediatrics: (with special interests)

Paediatric Emergency Medicine -3 Posts
 General Paediatrics (Endocrinology and Diabetes) -2 Posts
 General Paediatrics (Respiratory Disease) – 4 Posts (1*)
 General Paediatrics (Community Paediatrics) – 3 Posts (1*)
 General Paediatrics (Infectious Diseases) – 2 Posts
 Dr General Paediatrics (Ambulatory Paediatrics) – 2 Posts
 General Paediatrics (Respiratory Disease, Cystic Fibrosis) – 1 Post
 General Paediatrics (Adolescent Medicine, Child Protection) – 1 Post
 Gastroenterology – 1 Post
 Inherited Metabolic Disease (Paediatric) – 1 Post
 Paediatric Dentistry – 1 Post
 Paediatric Nephrology – 3 Posts (1*)
 Paediatric Neurology – 3 Posts
 (Neurodisability) – 1 Post
 Paediatric Psychiatry – 3 Posts
 Paediatric Cardiology (Adult Acute Services Directorate) – 4 Posts
 Trauma & Orthopaedics (Musgrave Park Hospital) – 4 Posts
 Plastic Surgery and Burns (Ulster Hospital Dundonald) – 4 Posts
 Medical Genetics (Adult Specialist Services) – 5 Posts
 Paediatric Surgery – 6 Posts
 Paediatric Radiology (Adult Acute Services) – 4 Posts
 Paediatric Haematology / Oncology – 2 Posts

Paediatric Anaesthesia/ICU (Adult Acute Services) – 8 Posts
Neurosurgery (Adult Acute Services) – 2 Posts
Immunology (Adult Acute Services) – 3 Posts
Dermatology (Adult Specialist Services) – 3 Posts

Associate Specialist

Cystic Fibrosis – 1 Post
Haematology – 1 Post
Dentistry – 1 Post

Specialty Doctor

Emergency Medicine – 2 Posts
Diabetes – 1 Post
Gastroenterology and TPN – 1 Post
Cardiology – 1 Post

(* Joint Appointment Consultants with Queen's University, Belfast)

Junior Medical Staff

RBHSC has:

- 9 ST 4 + trainees in Medical Paediatrics
- 1 ST 4 + trainees on A&E rotation
- 3 ST 4 + trainees in Paed Surgery
- 3 ST 4 + trainees in Child & Adolescent Psychiatry (1 based in FGH)

- 11 ST1-3 2nd term- hospital based
- 8 ST1-3 2nd term - neonates
- 4 ST1-3 2nd term - community based
- 9 ST1-3 GP 1st term
- 2 ST1-3 1st term
- 3 ST1-3 Paed Surgery
- 2 ST1-3 Child & Adolescent Psychiatry

All posts are recognised for professional training by the Postgraduate Dean and the RCPCH.

The Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children (RBHSC) provides general paediatric services for the local North & West District of Belfast and surrounding areas. It also provides regional services for the province of Northern Ireland in areas including:

Nephrology	Neo-natal Surgery
Cardiology	Neurology
Intensive Care	Cystic Fibrosis
Inborn Errors of Metabolism	

The Hospital has two general medical wards which accept acute admissions. There are specialised haematology/oncology, neurology and cardiology wards. There is also a six bedded Regional Paediatric Intensive Care Unit.

MEDICAL STAFFING – RBHSC

Medical Paediatricians: (with special interests)

General Paed/Cystic Fibrosis – 1 post
General Paed/Neonatology – 1 post
General Paed/Gastrology/Cystic Fibrosis – 1 post*
General Paed/A&E Medicine – 1 post*
General Paed/Endocrinology/Metabolic Disorders – 1 post*
General Paed/Respiratory Disease – 1 post*
General Paed/Community Paediatrics – 1 post
General Paed/Infectious Diseases – 1 post
Developmental Medicine – 1 post
Paediatric Nephrology 2 posts (1*)
Paediatric Cardiology – 2 posts
Paediatric Psychiatrists – 3 posts
Paediatric Surgeons – 3 posts
Paediatric Radiology – 2 posts

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Junior Medical Staff

There are five Registrars within the Hospital and fifteen SHO's. The Registrars/Senior Registrars are appointed to one speciality for a year. First term SHO's rotate every two months and second term SHO's every three months.