

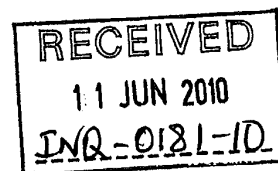
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Dear Madam

RE: INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF ADAM STRAIN

I refer to the above and to your letter dated 4th June 2010. I can advise as follows on behalf of the Belfast Trust:

Dr Alison Armour (Senior Registrar) was acting under the instructions of HM Coroner when she performed the post mortem on the 29th November 1995. The Trust first knew of Prof. Berry's report when H M Coroner provided it to the Trust on the 27th March 1996. The Trust was not party to arrangements to provide Prof. Berry with pathological material in order to prepare his report but it is noted in Dr Armour's post mortem report which slides had been seen by Prof Berry. The Trust received this undated post-mortem report on the 24th April 1996. Dr Armour through H M Coroner's Office will be able to advise what material the State Pathologist's Office provided to Prof. Berry.

The Trust was not made aware that the police investigation in 2006 involved obtaining a report from Prof. Risdon. The Police when requesting access to Dr Armour were referred to the State Pathologist's Office. The Trust has not been supplied as yet with a copy of Prof Risdon's report.

I would confirm that the Trust has advised that the State Pathologist's office would be best placed to address the issues of what samples of donor kidney were taken by Dr Armour and what methods were used presenting the material to the experts. The instruction of the experts was done without reference to the Belfast Trust.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further clarification.

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I trust this is of assistance.

Yours faithfully

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