

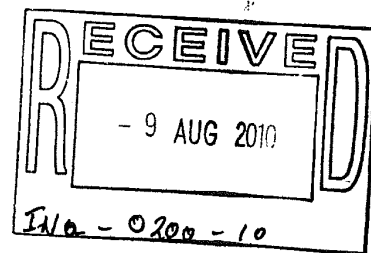
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Dear Madam

RE: INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF ADAM STRAIN

I refer to the above and to your letter dated 5th July 2010.

In relation to point 1 of your letter, I can confirm that unfortunately the lab report regarding electrolyte readings is not available.

In his statement Dr Taylor refers to a page from the notes (058-035-144) where a doctor records three sets of results no doubt phoned from the lab out of hours at 11.00pm on 26.11.95. While there should have been 3 reports (1 biochemistry, 2 haematology) printed in due course, which would have most likely arrived after Adam's death, only one (a haematology report dated 27.11.95 on coagulation – marked "sample analysed as out-of-hours emergency") seems to be filed in Chart 10 marked in pencil for the Inquiry as page 225. The other haematology report on the blood count and the biochemistry report which refers to Na 139 are missing.

Belfast Trust attempted to retrieve the results by liaising with their IT department and were informed that it was not possible. The old RVH Lab IT system was switched off around the year 2000 when both the BCH and RVH labs moved onto the LabCentre IT system. The decision was made by Lab management not to try and copy test results from the old systems into the new systems as there were too many inconsistencies between the various data formats. The only data that was archived off the RVH system are Cytology/ Histopathology results, Biochemistry results were not archived.

In relation to point 2 of your letter I can advise that Professor Savage is currently on annual leave. We will liaise with him on his return next week to gain clarification in regards to the Transplant Protocol that was in place in 1995.

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Yours faithfully

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