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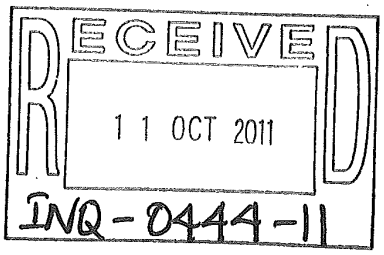

Dear Madam

RE: INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS

I refer to your letter of 12th August 2011 and my earlier response of 20th September 2011.

As previously advised there were 6 paediatric transplants performed in the Belfast City Hospital between the establishment of the Trust on 01.04.93 and 26.11.95. The medical records in respect of five of the said transplants have been recovered from archive storage. Unfortunately the records as regards the sixth transplant have been destroyed in accordance with the Disposal Schedule. However the Trust sought the relevant theatre ledger with a view to identifying the surgeon and anaesthetist involved in the sixth transplant operation.

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I am instructed that the examination of the records pertaining to the other five transplant operations has provided the following information: -

1) None were anaesthetised by Dr. Taylor under the management of Belfast City Hospital.

2) Two paediatric renal transplants were preformed by Mr. Keane in Belfast City Hospital between 01.04.93 and 26.11.95. These operations took place on 17.04.93 and 14.05.95.

2a) The 17.04.93 transplant involved a child less than 6 years old.

3) One paediatric renal transplant in the Belfast City Hospital Trust between 01.04.93 and 26.11.95 has Mr Keane recorded as the second named surgeon. It is not stated whether he was joint lead or assistant surgeon. This operation took place on 11.12.94.

3a) The child involved was not less than 6 years old.

Yours faithfully

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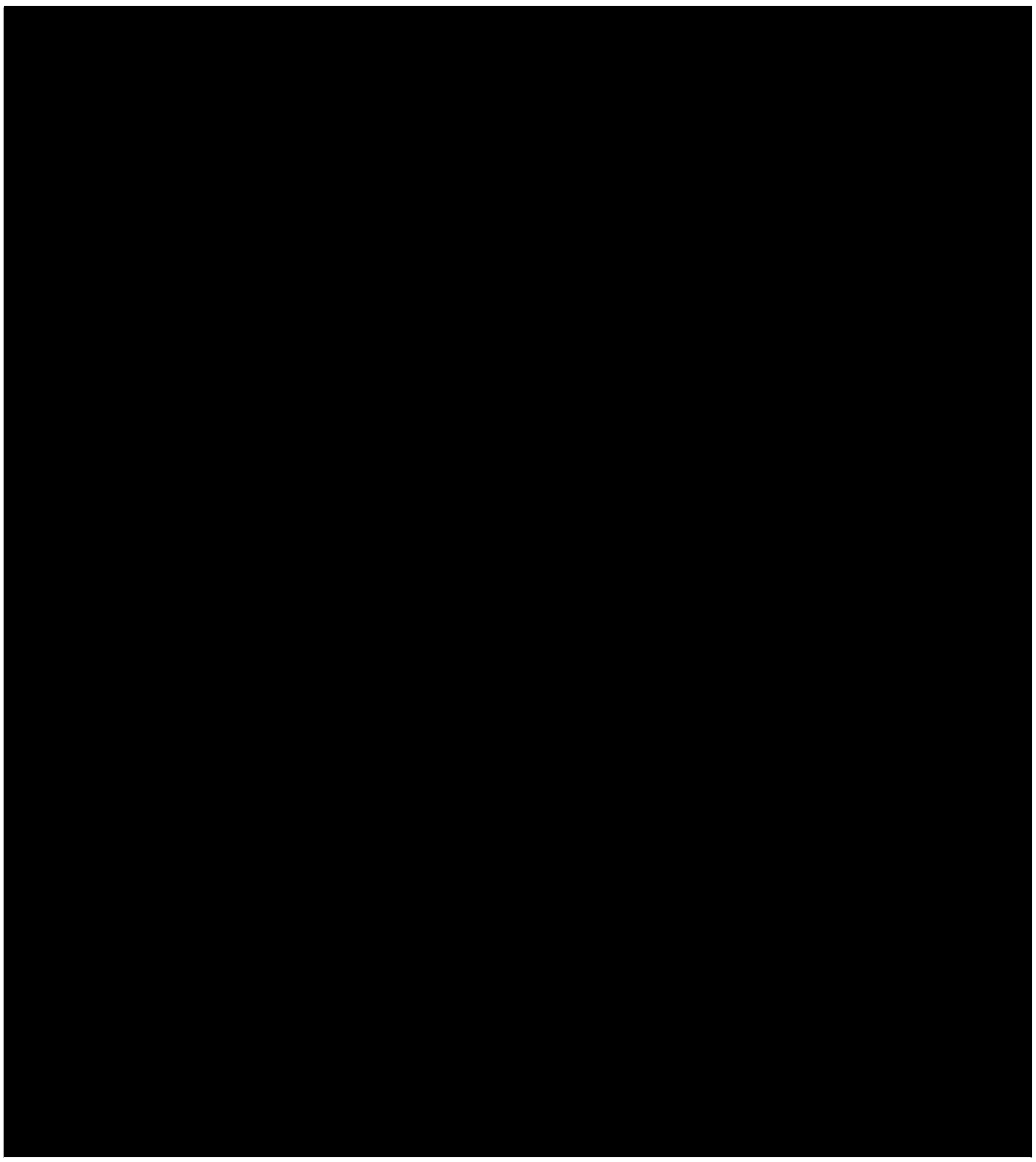

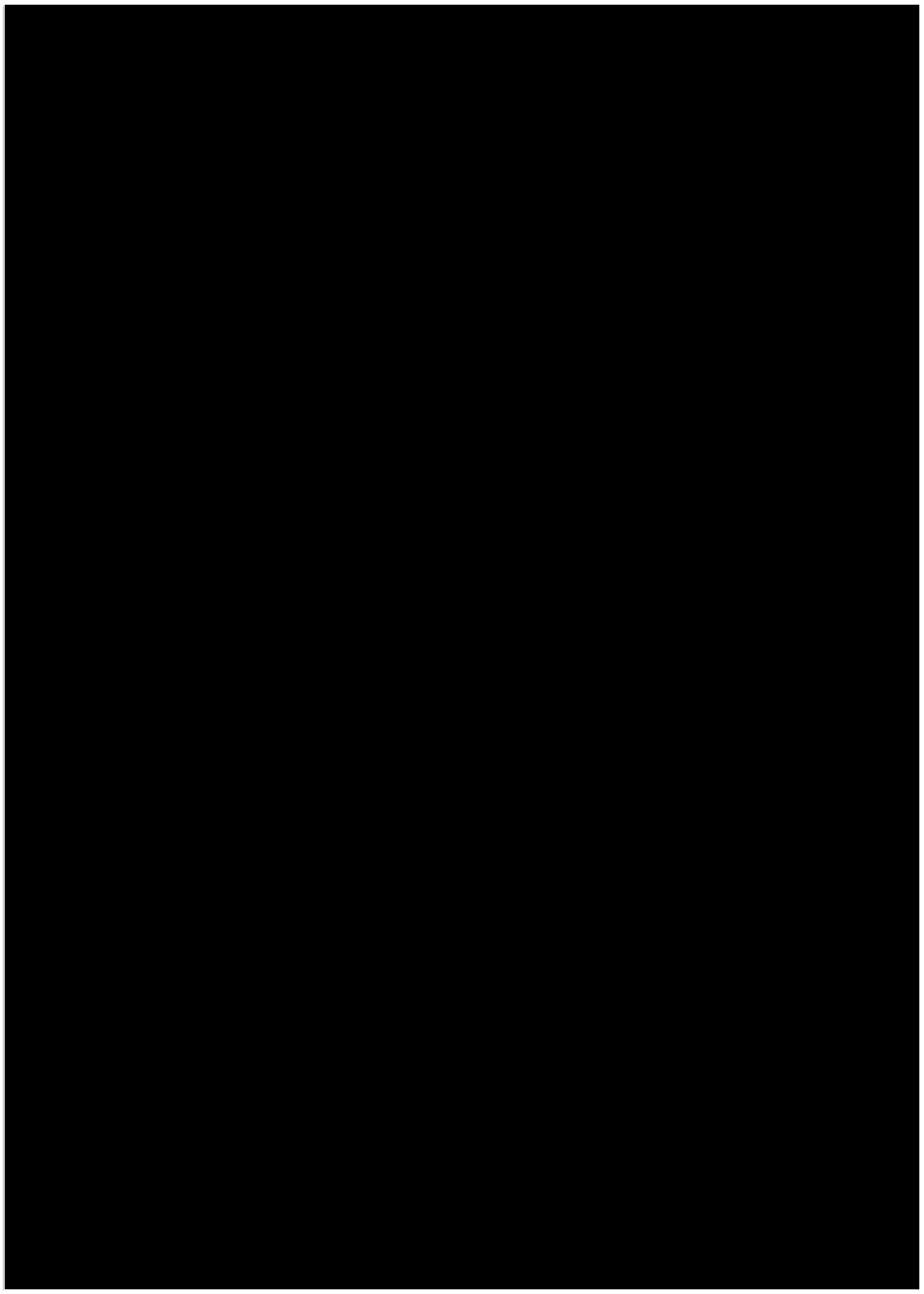

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