

## The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

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Your Ref:

Our Ref: BPC-0031-11

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> October 2011

Dear Ms Beggs,

**Re: Investigation into the death of Adam Strain**

I refer to my letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> September 2011 Ref: BPC-0018-11 (copy attached).

In your letter of 5<sup>th</sup> October 2011 Ref: INQ-0439-11 (copy attached), you advised the Inquiry that Mr Mervyn Barkley (Co-Director of Resourcing, Utilisation and Productivity) will be in a position to appear at the Inquiry's oral hearings to give evidence as to the accuracy of the list of Trainee Anaesthetists provided by the Trust.

Referring again to my letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> September 2011 Ref: BPC-0018-11, I would ask you to confirm whether Mr Barkley is the person best placed to assist the Inquiry on issues relating to RBHSC records management/destruction policy.

Please provide this information by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2011.

Yours sincerely,



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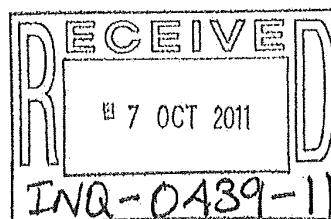
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Dear Madam,

### RE: INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS

I refer to the above and your email of 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011. I am instructed that the Trust's Human Resources Department is investigating the accuracy of the list of Anaesthetic trainees which they had provided particularly in relation to Michael Stafford and Margaret Rea.

In the meantime I confirm that Mr. Mervyn Barkley (Co-Director, Resourcing, Utilisation and Productivity) will be in a position to appear at the Inquiry to give oral evidence as to the accuracy of the list.

I will revert back to you on the issue of accuracy of the list as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully

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Our Ref: BPC-0018-11

Date: 27-09-2011

Dear Ms Beggs,

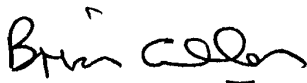
I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> September 2011, the contents of which have been noted.

With regards to the staff rotas for the period 26-28 November 2005 which you have confirmed were destroyed, please confirm when they were destroyed, and what were the storage issues at RBHSC at the date of destruction as referred to in the third paragraph of your letter.

I formally put you on notice that the Inquiry will require a representative from the Records Management Department at the Royal Group of Hospitals to provide a statement to the Inquiry and to attend the oral hearings to answer questions in relation to records management. I would ask that you provide me with the name of the individual from Records Management best placed to assist the Inquiry on issues relating to records management/destruction policy.

I look forward to hearing from you by Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

Yours sincerely



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