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Date:  
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Brian Cullen  
Secretary to the Inquiry  
Arthur House  
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Dear Sir,

**RE: INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS**

I refer to the above and your letter of 27<sup>th</sup> October 2011 and email of 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2011.

I note that your letter of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011 (BPC-0003-11) indicated that you had obtained data from the NHS Blood and Transplant Service, regarding transplants carried out in RBHSC and BCH, however you were seeking clarification on the information provided. Your letter indicated that you would release the data as soon as clarification had been obtained. We wrote to you on the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2011 seeking an update as regards the data referred to in your letter of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011 however to date have not received a response.

Your letter of 27<sup>th</sup> October 2011 requests that we provide data for all paediatric renal transplants carried out at RBHSC and BCH from 1980 – 2010. I note that the data contained within the table enclosed with your letter of 27<sup>th</sup> October 2011 was supplied to you by the NHS Blood and Transplant Service. I would be grateful if you could confirm what information was supplied to you by the Blood and Transplant Service regarding transplants carried out in RBHSC and BCH.

Furthermore I note from the table provided, with your letter of 27<sup>th</sup> October 2011, that you require the data to be broken down into transplants involving children less than 14 years old and children aged 14 to 17 years old.

I am instructed that nationally all paediatric renal transplant data is collected with respect to children < 18 years. The Trust is seeking clarification as to whether the comparative data quoted from the other UK centres for the second group (i.e. "14 – 17 years old") will have used data for children < 18 years or < 17 years as the upper age limit. If parameter of < 18 was not used (i.e. the tables report data for children < 17) it is the Trusts understanding that each centre would have been required to collate special figures for the Inquiry.

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In order that the data collated by the trust is correct and comparable with the other centres I would be grateful if you could confirm whether the second grouping of children (aged 14 – 17) is to include children who were 17 (i.e. < 18) at the relevant time or whether in fact you require the data to be provided in relation to children aged 14 and over but < 17.

In relation to your email of 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2011 I am instructed that the data requested will require approximately 2 weeks to collate given that it relates to a 30 year period. Furthermore I am instructed that data regarding transplants carried out between 1980 – 1993 relates to the period during which the RBHSC and BCH were managed by the Eastern Health and Social Services Board and I have therefore contacted the Regional Health and Social Care Board as regards that period.

I await hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J Bolton', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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