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Brian Cullen Secretary to the Inquiry Arthur House 41 Arthur Street Belfast BT1 4GB

Dear Sir,

## RE: INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS

I refer to the above and your letter of 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2011.

I am instructed that Mrs. Boyce states that the protocol was more of a step by step flowchart and was drawn up in 1992 by herself and Sister of the Transplant Ward. As far as Mrs. Boyce can recall it was typed up by the then transplant secretary so it would have been saved on her stand alone computer. At that time the Nephrology Department had Apple Macs and when BCH was eventually networked the files created on the Macs were not compatible with the new system. Mrs. Boyce states that she knows this because any files which she held could not be opened on the new PCs. Mrs. Boyce instructs that she does not have original copy and had not seen a copy for many years before she left BCH. After 1997 when another coordinator post was created, the original protocol would have become redundant.

Yours faithfully

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