

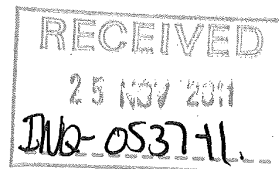
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Dear Madam,

RE: INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS

I refer to the above and your letters of 27th October 2011 (BPC-0038-11) and 7th November 2011 (BPC-0048-11). I am instructed that the Trust has now received the data from UK Transplant giving the number of transplants performed in Belfast between 1980 and 2010. The Trust is currently working on separating the RBHSC from the BCH transplants.

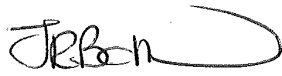
The Trust has also noted from the data supplied under a Freedom of Information request made to the legacy Royal Group of Hospitals Trust in 2005 that there were 28 renal transplants performed in RBHSC during 1990 to 2004 (094-163-766 to 769). The information provided states that 27 of these were under age 14 and 22 under age 14 were transplanted in BCH. Furthermore the Trust notes from data supplied under a Freedom of Information request made to the legacy Belfast City Hospital Trust (094-163-764 to 765) that the total paediatric transplants was also given as 49 although the split is given as 30 RBHSC and 19 BCH. The Trust also suspects that this data is for the period 1990 to 2004 not to 1994 as stated.

The UK Transplant data states that 71 paediatric transplants were performed during this period of which 43 were under age 14. This gives a disparity of 6 cases between UK Transplant and the 2 legacy Trust figures for this portion of the data required by the Inquiry. The legacy Trust figures which were provided by these two separate legal entities disagree and therefore it will be necessary for the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust to conduct a detailed analysis in order to provide the Inquiry with data for the whole period 1980 to 2010 which can be considered reliable.

Yours faithfully

Providing Support to Health and Social Care





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