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Your Ref: BPC-0052-11 BPC-0025-11 Our Ref: HYP B04/1 Date: 23.11.11

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Dear Sir,

RE: INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS

I refer to the above and your letter of 17th November 2011 (BPC-0052-11). I am instructed as follows: -

- The Trust believe that: -David Mitchell's initials are on reports 25467, 23022, BS15129 and BR19656; Meenashi Bhat's initials are on 27035, 28138, 57, 23587, 23616, 23624, 9830, 9829, BS15129, BR19656, M95/02594, M95/02595, M95/02596 and 8G05660; Tony Thompson's initials are on 27035; Julie Davidson's initials are on 57, William Dillon's initials are on M95/02594, M95/02595 and M95/02596.
- Dr David Mitchell was a paediatric medical registrar in November 1995. It is not known what his daytime duties were on 26th – 28th November 1995 however the out-of-hours rota records his name for 26th November 1995.

Dr Meenakshi Bhat was a paediatric medical SHO in November 1995. She is recorded in Adam Strain's medical records as being on duty in PICU on 27th November 1995. The out-of-hours rota records her name for 29th November 1995.

Tony Thompson is a haematology laboratory technician. His duties on 26th-28th November 1995 are unknown.

Julie Davidson (deceased) was a biochemistry laboratory technician. Her duties on 26th-28th November 1995 are unknown.

William Dillion (retired) was a bacteriology laboratory technician. His duties on 26th-28th November 1995 are unknown.

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3) The Trust does not know the significance of the signatures of the two clinicians, who are no longer employees of the Trust; however they will be contacted and asked to provide an explanation.

Furthermore I am instructed that the Inquiry should note that laboratory reports 9830, 9829 and 8G05660 did not exist until 29th November 1995. The 3 bacterial swabs taken from the central line M95/02594, M95/02595 and M95/02596 on 28th November 1995 will have taken at least 24 hours to culture and so these undated reports will have been from 29th November 1995 or later. I am instructed that Dr Bhat cannot have initialled these reports until after Adam Strain's death.

Yours faithfully

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