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Your Ref: NSCB04/1
NSCW50/1
NSCS071/1

Our Ref: BPC-0058-11

Date: 28/11/2011

Dear Ms Beggs,

**Re Your Client(s): 1. Belfast Health & Social Care Trust
2. Southern Health & Social Care Trust
3. Western Health & Social Care Trust
4. Health & Social Care Board**

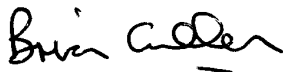
I refer to your letter dated 28th October 2011 Ref: INQ-0494-11 (copy enclosed for your ease of reference).

I would like to draw your attention to Paragraph 1 of your letter when you state "I am instructed that the Trust can find no record of Doctor Savage requesting a chest x-ray prior to transplant". In relation to this, I advise that in his Inquiry witness statements, Doctor Savage confirms on more than one occasion that a chest x-ray was performed on Adam Strain as part of the standard pre-transplant checks.

I would be grateful if you would provide the Inquiry with an explanation as to why, in light of what is contained in Doctor Savage's witness statements, the Trust can find no record of a chest x-ray being requested prior to transplant.

I look forward to receiving a response by 5th December 2011.

Yours sincerely,



Brian Cullen
Assistant Solicitor to the Inquiry

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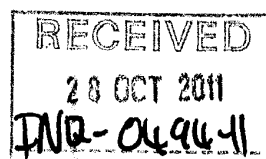
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BPC-0026-11

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28.10.11

Bernie Conlon
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Dear Madam,

RE: INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS

I refer to the above and your letter of 14th October 2011 (BPC-0026-11).

- 1) I am instructed that there is no record of an x-ray being performed prior to Adam's transplant surgery on 27th November 1995. A form to request a pre-treatment chest x-ray completed by Dr O'Neill on 26th November 1995 is filed in the patient's record (057-019-028). Its presence in the medical records and the fact that the reverse of the form (057-019-029) has not been completed by a radiographer indicates that it was not submitted to radiology and that therefore no x-ray was performed. There is no Kv and mas (voltage and current x time) or radiographer's initials written on the back of the form. Under Ionizing Radiation Regulations an examination would not have been performed without an appropriately completed request form which would have been retained by the department. I am instructed that the Trust can find no record of Doctor Savage requesting a chest x-ray prior to transplant.
- 2) Original Portable chest x-ray film performed at 9:30 pm on 27th November 1995 enclosed herewith on your undertaking to return same to us and to take full responsibility for its safekeeping. Please note that no copy has ever been made of this film and it is therefore imperative that it is retained safely.
- 3) The result of the CAT scan performed on 27th November 1995 was provided to the Inquiry with Dr. McKinstry's witness statement which is already with you.
- 4) Please find enclosed original documents which are referred in our letter of 12th October 2011. These documents are sent to you on your undertaking to return the originals to us and to take full responsibility for their safekeeping until such times as they are returned and acknowledged by us. I am instructed that the Bacteriology Report (date of specimen 29.11.95, date of report 29.11.95), previously sent to you was omitted from the end of the list of reports provided to you. The documents are as follows: -

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- a) compliments slip
- Haematology
 - b) Report (date of specimen 26.11.95, date of report 27.11.95);
 - c) Report (date of specimen 27.11.95, date of report 27.11.95);
 - d) Report (date of specimen 27.11.95, date of report 28.11.95);
 - e) Report (date of specimen 28.11.95, date of report 28.11.95);
- Biochemistry
 - f) Report (date of specimen 26.11.95, date of report 27.11.95);
 - g) Report (date of specimen 27.11.95, date of report 27.11.95);
 - h) Report (date of specimen 27.11.95, date of report 28.11.95);
 - i) Report (date of specimen 28.11.95, date of report 28.11.95);
 - j) Report (date of specimen 28.11.95, date of report 28.11.95);
 - k) Report (date of specimen 28.11.95, date of report 29.11.95);
 - l) Report (date of specimen 28.11.95, date of report 29.11.95);
- Radiology
 - m) CAT Scan 27.11.95
- Bacteriology
 - n) Report (date of specimen 26.11.95, date of report 27.11.95);
 - o) Report (date of specimen 27.11.95, date of report 27.11.95);
 - p) Report (date of specimen 27.11.95, date of report 27.11.95);
 - q) Report (date of specimen 27.11.95, date of report 28.11.95);
 - r) Central Line Swab (undated);
 - s) Central Line Swab (Date of specimen 28.11.95);
 - t) Central Line Swab (Date of specimen 28.11.95);
 - u) Report (date of specimen 29.11.95, date of report 29.11.95);
- Records
 - v) General Nursing Services 30.11.95;
 - w) Case Note Discharge Summary 6.12.95.

Please sign one copy of this document by way of acknowledgement of the original documents enclosed herewith and confirmation of your undertakings to return same to us and to take full responsibility for these documents until such times as they are returned to and acknowledged by us.

Yours faithfully



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Solicitor Consultant

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