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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 21st November 2011.

I advise that a review of all the haematology and biochemistry reports the Inquiry possess in relation to Adam Strain, has been carried out and I can confirm that you are correct in saying that the majority of the results sent by you on 12th October 2011 are indeed included in Adam's contemporaneous medical notes. The Chairman's letter to you dated 25th October 2011 is therefore incorrect in stating that they were not.

However, referring to the haematology and biochemistry reports enclosed in your letter dated 12th October 2011, I would like to draw your attention to the following previously unknown information which the reports did flag up:-

- (1) A further pre-transplant electrolyte test. It is stated that the sample for this was taken on 26th November 1995, with the report resulting on 27th November 1995. It is noticeable that neither the request for this sample nor the results are noted in Adam's contemporaneous notes. In contrast, the other pre-transplant electrolyte test, for which a blood specimen was taken on 26th November 1995 at 9.30pm, with a result published in Adam's notes at 11 pm on the same evening is noted in his contemporaneous notes, but no formal report has ever been located of this result.
- (2) Doctor David Mitchell, a paediatric medical registrar who signed the report of the further pre-transplant electrolyte test. He has never previously been indicated as being a staff member who was involved in Adam's care. You have confirmed

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by letter dated 31st October 2011 that Doctor Mitchell was on the Registrar Medical rota for 26th November 1995.

- (3) It is noted that Doctor Mitchell also signs the haematology report 025467. This report is stated by you to be the one recorded in Adam's notes as (Ref: 058-035-144). If so, it may be likely that Doctor Mitchell signed the missing biochemistry report from 9.30 pm/11 pm on 26th November 1995. Alternatively, you may be mistaken that report 025467 is at (Ref: 058-035-144). Although the results are similar:
- (a) The 9.30pm result has a White Blood Cell count that is not present on the later report
 - (b) The later report has extra values that were not recorded in Adam's Clinical notes (eg. MCV, MCHC, MCH & Leucocytes)
 - (c) The later report ties in with the biochemistry report 025467 in terms of specimen and report date.

I trust that this letter clarifies all matters relating to the haematology and biochemistry reports furnished by you to the Inquiry on 12th October 2011.

Yours sincerely,



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