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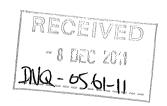
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Your Ref: BC-0068-11

Our Ref: HYP B4/01 Date: 08.11.11

Ms Bernie Conlon Secretary to the Inquiry Arthur House 41 Arthur Street Belfast BT1 4GB



Dear Madam,

## RE: INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS

I refer to the above and your letter of 16<sup>th</sup> November 2011 which we received on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2011. We do not accept that this review is relevant to the Inquiry into Hyponatraemia Related Deaths nor do we accept that it falls within the Inquiry's Terms of Reference.

Furthermore we have concerns as regards Mr. Forsythe's appointment as an Independent Expert Witness, under 6 section of the Inquiry's Protocol on Experts, and his ability to act as an Independent Witness to the Inquiry given that he is the author of a confidential report commissioned by the Health and Social Services Board particularly in circumstances where you are seeking disclosure of said report.

Yours faithfully

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