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Dear Madam,

RE: INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS

I refer to the above and the opening statement presented by Senior Counsel to the Inquiry in the case of Adam Strain. I am instructed that the Trust wishes to assist the Inquiry in establishing the facts and there were several areas of Senior Counsel's opening Statement which the Trust would wish to address. I am instructed as follows: -

1. It was stated (paragraph 81) that you are still investigating which dates the various anaesthetic teams carried out renal transplants in RBHSC between 1.04.93 and 13.10.10. Please note that the Trust has not been asked for this information it has however been asked to provide the names of the teams. Listed below are the dates which attach to the anaesthetic teams which were provided to the Inquiry in our letter of 16th December 2010 (AD-0156-10).

The anaesthetic teams involved were:

Bhann/Paxton (1) (16.06.96),
Crean (2) (27.09.95, 29.07.97),
Crean/Hill (1) (17.11.95),
Taylor/Montague (1) (27.11.95),
Bhann (1) (24.07.96),
Taylor/McConaghy (1) (06.11.96),
Taylor/McCloskey (1) (01.08.97),
McKaigue/Campbell (1) (22.02.98),
Chisakuta/McKaigue (1) (22.04.98),
McAtamney/McCabe (1) (19.03.99),
McAtamney/Chisakuta (1) (26.04.99),
Crean/Molloy (1) (15.09.99),
McAteer (1) (31.03.00),

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Keaney (1) (17.07.00),
 Lyons/Gormley (1) (10.11.00),
 Bedi/Lyons (1) (02.03.01),
 Lyons/Morris (1) (04.02.02),
 Lyons/Stafford (1) (21.03.02),
 Chisakuta/Mahajan (1) (21.10.02),
 Chisakuta/Stafford (1) (21.11.02),
 Chisakuta/McMorrow (1) (21.04.03),
 Chogle (1) (25.10.03),
 Symington/Chisakuta/Dripps (1) (01.07.04),
 Chisakuta/Dripps (1) (31.07.04),
 Chisakuta/Kamiah (1) (12.01.05),
 Chisakuta/Sims (1) (19.01.05),
 Chogle/Taylor (1) (26.09.05),
 Taylor/Cavanagh (1) (03.11.06),
 Robinson/McAlonan (1) (22.12.07),
 Robinson/Hendron (1) (13.04.08),
 Chisakuta/Mishra/Kansor (1) (10.05.08),
 Taylor/Cooke (1) (05.02.09),
 Lipczynski (2) (15.06.09),
 Crean/Lyons (1) (04.01.10),
 Robinson (1) (04.02.10),
 Chisakuta (1) (15.02.10),
 Chisakuta/Mottram (1) (22.03.10),
 Lipczynski/Mottram (1) (02.05.10),
 Robinson/Shevlin (1) (07.07.10),
 Taylor/Campbell (1) (06.09.10),
 Chisakuta/Curry (1) (22.09.10),
 Robinson/Kelly (1) (13.10.10).
 (8 Anaesthetic Teams could not be identified, 07.10.93, 27.02.96, 28.08.96, 26.05.97,
 09.02.99, 23.02.05, 08.08.07, 31.08.09).

2. In relation to the reference (paragraph 171) to Mr. B. McLaughlin, Mr. J. Wilson and Dr. Gibson carrying out the inspection in the RBHSC theatre on 2nd December 1995 it should be noted that these members of Trust staff were from the Royal Victoria Hospital and not the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children.
3. It was stated at paragraph 242 that the Inquiry was not clear how Mr. Brown came to be involved in Adam Strain's renal transplant surgery. I would refer you to our letter of 17th February 2012 which encloses copies of the RBHSC theatre log for November and December 1995. These show that on Monday mornings (6.11.95, 13.11.95, 27.11.95,

4.12.95, and 18.12.95 Mr. Brown had an operating list. On 20.11.95 a single thoracic surgery operation was performed by a consultant from the RVH instead of Mr. Brown's list. There was no operating list on 11.12.95 or 25.12.95 (Christmas day). The Trust believes that the primary reason Mr. Brown was in theatre on the morning of 27th November 1995 was to perform his routine operating list which in order to assist Mr. Keane he delegated to his surgical trainee and he performed only the last operation on his own list at 12.15 pm.

There was only one operating list each Monday morning in November and December 1995 except for 27.11.95 when the extra operating list occurred for Adam Strain's renal transplant. The anaesthetists involved on a Monday morning during November and December 1995 were the consultant Dr. Campbell and a trainee anaesthetist (Dr. McBrien or Dr. Montague or Dr. Hill). There was therefore no requirement to roster a second trainee to theatre on Monday mornings as there was only routinely one operating list running. If a second trainee anaesthetist had attended theatre at 9.00am on Monday morning 27.11.95 to assist Dr. Taylor it would most likely have been by way of a special arrangement as he/she would otherwise have had no duties to perform there on a normal Monday morning.

4. The Trust has noticed errors in the pages from the theatre log copies previously supplied caused due to the necessity to join pages from the large logbook. I now enclose pages for 14.11.95/15.11.95 (not previously supplied) and corrected pages for 10.11.95/13.11.95 and 22.11.95/23.11.95 (copied incorrectly). The Trust apologises for these errors.
5. It would appear that the reference to an operation on 9th February 1992, at Para 72 (p26), is erroneous and it is believed the correct date should be 29th May 1992. Furthermore it is unclear from the wording what exactly McCallion and Stewart have not accepted. I would be obliged if you could clarify this matter.

Yours faithfully,



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DATE OF OPERATION	PATIENT DETAILS	DIAGNOSIS	PROCEDURE/OPERATION	CLASSIFICATION OF OPERATION	SURGEON	ANAESTHETIC	ANAESTHETIST	WARD NUMBER	SCRUB NURSE	ARRIVAL TIME	DEPARTURE TIME	IMPLANT No.	OPERATION No.
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