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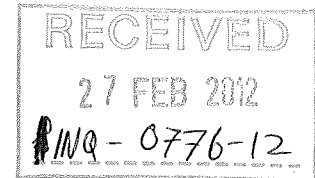
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Dear Sir,

RE: INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS

I refer to the above and your letter of 22nd February 2012.

Please note that my letter of 10th October 2011 (re BPC-0049-11) correctly identifies where the theatre ledgers in relation to theatre 6 in the Belfast City Hospital are currently held. I am instructed that the Police hold the ledgers for Theatre 6 from 1980 until 2004, under a PACE order in respect of a separate matter. I am instructed that the entries in relation to 27th November 1995 will be in Box 2.

I have noted the comments made by you at paragraph 3 of your aforementioned letter however I am advised that unless you have specifically asked the police themselves to release to you the relevant log it is unlikely that the documentation already in your possession includes the theatre 6 logs.

It is the Trust's understanding that your request for a theatre log from the Belfast City Hospital for 27th November 1995 relates to the information provided by Mr. Keane initially in his Witness Statement WS-006/2 Q8c where he states that 'Belfast City Hospital telephoned before the end of Adam's transplant, to say that a patient, who was undergoing a percutaneous nephrolithotomy, was bleeding heavily in the operating theatre there and that they needed help urgently', and Q15b where he states 'I was telephoned...in the anteroom of Theatre 6 at Belfast City Hospital after completing the emergency operation there...'.

I would be obliged if you could confirm that this is the basis on which you have requested the Belfast City Hospital Theatre Logs.

I am instructed that there were 11 operating theatres in the Belfast City Hospital in November 1995. The only theatre which contained the necessary radiology equipment required for performing an in-patient 'percutaneous nephrolithotomy' was theatre 6.

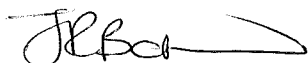
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You will appreciate that locating the Theatre Logs for 11 Theatres for 27th November 1995 will be a lengthy and time consuming task and I note that the Inquiry requires this information urgently. It would therefore be most helpful if you could advise the basis on which this request is made so that the Trust can focus its search on locating the relevant documentation/information for you.

Yours faithfully,



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