

The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

Chairman: Mr John O'Hara QC

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Your ref: NSC B04/1

Our ref:AD-0166-10

Date:15 September 2010

Dear Ms Beggs,

Re Investigation into the death of Claire Roberts

I refer to the above.

I would be grateful if you would obtain responses from your client, the Belfast Trust, to the following questions:

1. When were Relative Counselling Records first introduced in the RBHSC?
2. In 1996, on average how long would it have taken to arrange an urgent CT scan on a child, once a doctor had authorised that this be carried out?
3. Were EEG recording facilities available in the RBHSC in 1996?

I would also be obliged if you would:

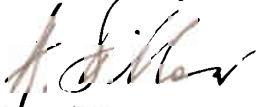
4. Identify all nurses and clinicians who treated Claire from the date and time of her admission until her death. Please include each individual's job title and their staff grade.
5. Identify the author of the minute of the meeting held with Mr and Mrs Roberts in the Clinical Psychology Department, RBHSC on 7th December 2004 (reference 089-002-002). In addition, please forward me the handwritten contemporaneous note from which the note was prepared.
6. Confirm whether or not there was any record of learning from Claire's death, through events such as case conferences, grand rounds, post-graduate clinical meetings, audits or nurse education meetings. If so, kindly send me the documentation in support.
7. With reference to document 090-038-135, there is an entry at 11.15 am on 22/10/1996 referring to a urine sample being sent to the laboratory. I have been unable to locate the corresponding biochemistry result in the papers the Inquiry currently holds. I would be grateful if you would forward me, the laboratory report pertaining to this sample.
8. Cross refer the dates and entries on documents 090-022-058 to 090-022-060 and 090-028-088. Please clarify the date on the latter document and confirm that the Relative Counselling Record which has been sent to the Inquiry is complete.

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I would be grateful for a reply to the matters raised in this letter within 14 days.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read 'A. Dillon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Anne Dillon
Solicitor to the Inquiry