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Your Ref: NSCB04/1
NSCW50/1
NSCS071/1

Our Ref: AD-0177-10

Date: 21st October 2010

Dear Ms Beggs,

Re Investigation into the death of Claire Roberts

I refer to the above.

From a review of Claire's medical records provided to us by your client, it is apparent that there are a number of laboratory reports missing. These include two relating to blood samples taken on 23rd October 1996. The results of electrolyte tests taken that day are, firstly, referred to by Dr McKaigue at 090-022-060 when he makes an entry of 'Na 129' and the second by Dr Taylor (reference 090-022-061) where he notes 'Na 129 (from 121)'. Neither the laboratory report relating to the sodium level of 129 or 121 are contained within the papers the Inquiry currently holds. I ask that your client provide copies of both.

In addition, please furnish the Inquiry with any documents relating to the contact that the Roberts' family made with the RBHSC following the broadcast of the Insight programme, "When Hospitals Kill" on 21st October 2004. In addition, please provide copies of any documents relating to any response thereto, prior to the meeting between Trust staff and the Roberts family on 7th December 2004.

I also would be grateful if you would provide me with details regarding the following matters:

1. Whether the meeting which took place between the Roberts' family and members of Trust staff on 7th December 2004 was the first such meeting.
2. The dates of any subsequent meetings with the Roberts family.
3. The date when Professor Young was first asked by Dr McBride, Medical Director, to review Claire's notes. Please provide a copy of any letter of instruction sent to Professor Young.
4. Any note or summary detailing the verbal report provided by Professor Young to Dr McBride, prior to provision of the written report.

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1. The dates and minutes of any meetings between Doctors Sands, Steen, Rooney and Professor Young regarding Claire.
2. Whether there was any investigation (formal or informal) into Claire's death (between October 1996 and December 2004) with local clinicians. If so, was any action taken as a consequence?
3. Following Claire's death in 1996 and her later inquest in 2006, were there any recorded discussions in case conferences, 'grand rounds', post-graduate clinical meetings, clinical specialty meetings, clinical audit meetings, and/or nurse education meetings.

I am grateful for your assistance. I ask for your response within 14 days.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Dillon', written in a cursive style.

Anne Dillon
Solicitor to the Inquiry