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Your Ref:
BC-0065-11

Our Ref:
HYP B4/02

Date:
13.01.12

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

Dear Madam,

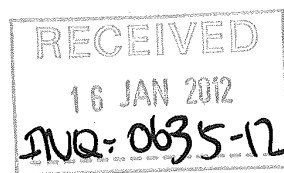
RE: INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS

I refer to the above and your letter of 11th November 2011. You will recall that we wrote to you on the 14th December 2011 indicating that Ms Suzanne Spence was no longer employed by the Trust having left in 2002 and that the Trust had written to her at her last known address which it held for her.

It would appear that whilst she is no longer living at the address in question she has recently received the witness statement proforma which the Trust sent to her. I now enclose copy letter which Ms Spence sent to the Trust for your information. Ms Spence has not provided the Trust with her current address.

Yours faithfully,

Joanna Bolton
Solicitor Consultant
Email: [REDACTED]
Tel: [REDACTED]



Providing Support to Health and Social Care



28th December, 2011

Dear Mr Walby,

Many thanks for your recent letter. I no longer reside in N. Ireland and have just returned home for a few days at Christmas to see your letter regarding the inquiry into the hyponatraemia-related deaths in 1996, hence the delay in my response.

As I have not seen any original documentation with my records/signature, the only comment I can make with regard to this incident fifteen years ago is I was a student nurse on Allen ward at this time. This means all nursing care provided would have been under the supervision of a qualified staff nurse, and, all documentation in the child's notes would have required a signature by the staff nurse I was working with during that particular time.

As I have not seen the full documentation and furthermore was not a qualified staff nurse I am unable to provide further comment on this individual case. I trust this of some assistance with your inquiry.

Kind regards,

Shane Spill



Witness Statement Ref. No.

159/1

NAME OF CHILD: Claire Roberts

Name: S Spence

Title: Staff Nurse, RBHSC - INCORRECT NO LONGER EMPLOYED AT RBHSC

Present position and institution:

NOT RELEVANT FOR INQUIRY

Previous position and institution:

[As at the time of the child's death]

STUDENT NURSE

Membership of Advisory Panels and Committees:

[Identify by date and title all of those between January 1995-December 2010]

N/A

Previous Statements, Depositions and Reports:

[Identify by date and title all those made in relation to the child's death]

N/A

OFFICIAL USE:

List of previous statements, depositions and reports attached:

Ref:

Date: