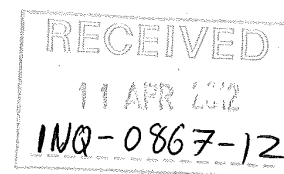


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Dear Sir,

**RE: INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS**

I refer to the above and your letter of 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2012 (BPC-104-12). I reply as follows: -


- 1) I am instructed by the Trust that there were 17 bed spaces (beds or cots as required) in Allen Ward on 21<sup>st</sup> October 1996, although additional capacity if needed could be obtained by use of 4 bed spaces in the adjacent Cherry Tree House.
- 2) I am instructed that the Trust's IT department has advised that 8 beds were occupied on the night of 21<sup>st</sup> October 1996.

I enclose a copy of the plan of Allen Ward from 1996 and would ask you to note as follows: -

- a) Bays – there were two “4 bed wards” and two “2 bed wards” as labelled on the plan. 7 c refers to one of the four bed spaces in the 4 bed ward marked on the plan.
- b) The Trust assumes the reference to “cubicles” in your aforementioned letter means single rooms and confirms that the 5 single rooms are labelled “WARD” on the plan.
- c) The beds/cots are marked on the plan.
- d) There was no nursing station/nurses office in 1996.
- e) The Sister's office is labelled on the plan.
- f) There was no reception desk for the ward in 1996.

Yours faithfully,

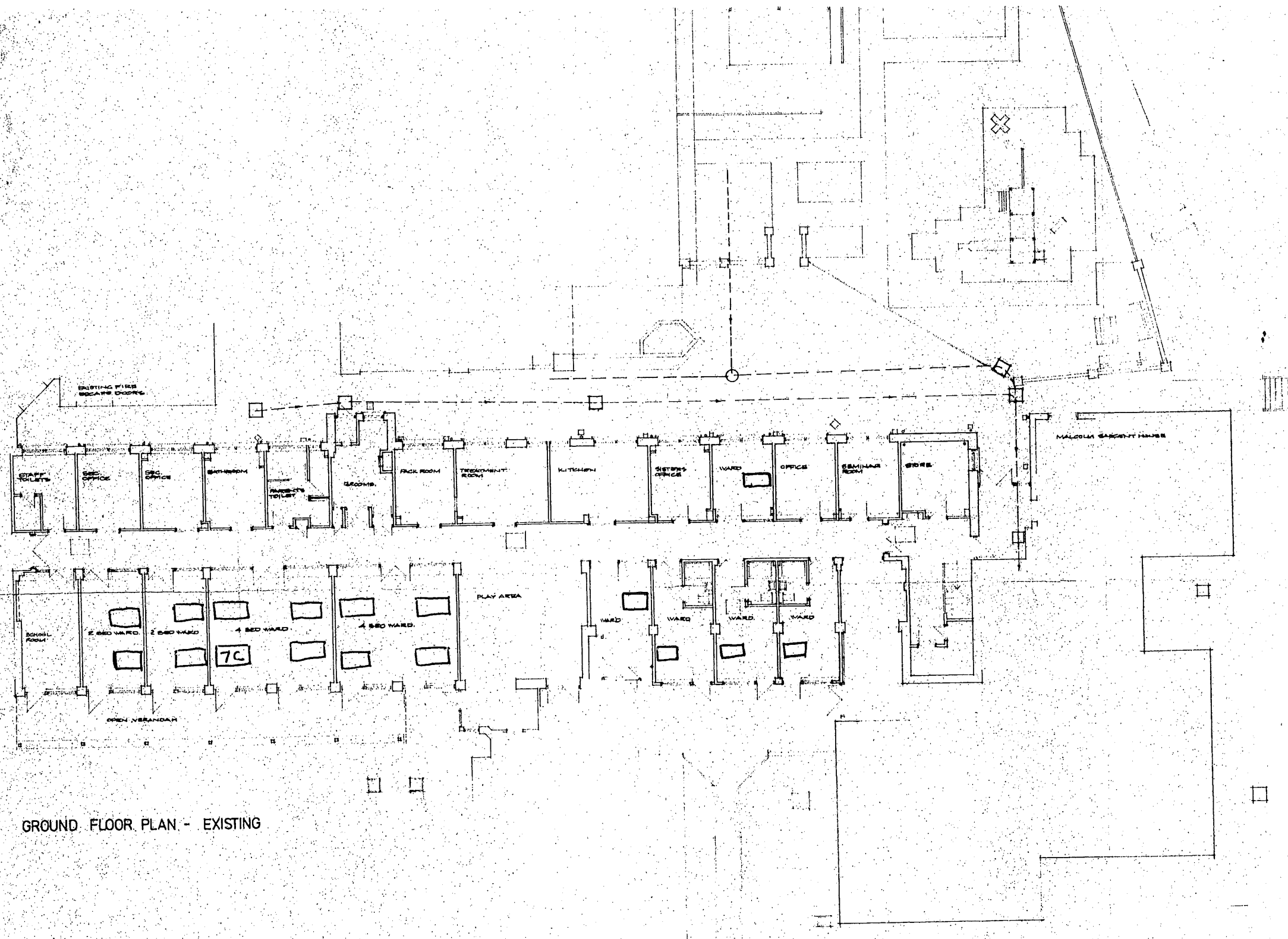


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