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Ms H Win Assistant Solicitor to the Inquiry Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths Arthur House 41 Arthur Street Belfast BT1 4GB



Dear Madam

RE: INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS- CLAIRE ROBERTS

I refer to the above matter and to your letter dated 22nd May 2012, the reference as guoted above.

I am instructed by the Belfast Trust that, having reviewed both Claire's case notes and the statements already submitted to the Inquiry, unfortunately it cannot state who was the Nurse responsible for transferring Claire Roberts from the Accident and Emergency Department to Allen Ward on the night of 21st October 1996.

The case notes identify Eleanor Jackson as the nurse involved in Claire's actual care on the night in question. However, you will note that Ms Jackson's statement to the Inquiry reveals that she does not recall who transferred Claire to Allen Ward. In addition, the case notes contain no documentary evidence of the individual nurse involved in the transfer itself.

However, you will recall that both the case notes and the statement of Dr Bernadette O'Hare show that Dr O'Hare was the admitting doctor in Allen Ward and that she saw Claire in both the Accident and Emergency Department and Allen Ward.

This completes my client's response to your above-mentioned letter.

Yours faithfully

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