The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

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Dear Ms Crawford,

Re: Claire Roberts

I refer you to the Witness Statement of Angela Pollock ref: WS 225/1 in which she states in her answer to Q.12 at p. 5:

"The medical staff would document findings of clinical examination of the patient at the time of the ward round in the clinical notes and if particular tests were required following the ward round this would be documented in the ward round diary. Under the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust Policy for disposal of records this diary would now be disposed of."

I would be grateful if the Trust could now confirm on what date the ward round diary of 22nd October 1996 for Allen Ward was destroyed or disposed of and under what policy. If there was no policy governing the destruction, under what local practice was it destroyed?

Yours sincerely,

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