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Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths  
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Dear Madam

**RE: INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS- CLAIRE  
ROBERTS**

I refer to the above matter and your letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> June 2012. Following your numbered paragraphs, please see below my client's response:-

1. The Inquiry is in possession of all correspondence in relation to the meeting held on 7th December 2004. (AD-0177-10, BC-0040-11 and BC-0045-11).
2. A further meeting was planned; however it did not take place due to the fact that the case was referred to HM Coroner, who subsequently instructed an Independent Expert. It was felt that it might be better to await the expert opinion before a further meeting was arranged. The family was advised of this by Dr Nichola Rooney, Consultant Clinical Psychologist in the Royal Group of Hospitals on 12th January 2005 (089-016-015).
3. As far as the Trust is aware, no formal meeting ever took place between the clinicians and, therefore, no minutes or dates of when these meetings took place are in existence. However, my client instructs me that all questions were answered by way of a letter from Dr Nichola Rooney, to the Roberts family dated 12th January 2005 (089-006).
4. I would refer the Inquiry to our response to AD-0177-10 dated 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

I can confirm that there is no Clinical Psychology file in relation to Claire Roberts or her family, as neither Claire nor any member of her family have been patients

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of the Clinical Psychology Service. Dr Rooney simply facilitated the meeting and provided a note of same, and this is already in possession of the Inquiry.

This completes my client's response to your aforementioned letter.

Yours faithfully

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Angela Crawford  
Solicitor