

The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

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Dear Ms Crawford,

Re: Claire Roberts

I refer you to the 2nd witness statement of Dr Bartholome, at page 7, question 10(a) her answer was:

*"Dr Steen was the paediatric consultant on call on the night of the 21st/22nd October 1996. One of the patients, Claire had seriously deteriorated and had to be transferred to PICU.
It is our standard practice to inform the consultant on call of these events."*

Further, when asked at question 10(b) why Dr Steen was contacted at approximately 03.00 on 23rd October 1996, her response was:

"The consultant on call would always be informed of such an event."

You will note that there is a discrepancy between her answers, please could you confirm to the Inquiry if the dates stated at 10(a) is an error and if the date should be "22nd/23rd October 1996". As you are aware Claire was transferred to PICU in the early hours of 23rd October 1996.

I would be grateful if you could respond to this letter by 27th June 2012.

Yours sincerely,



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