

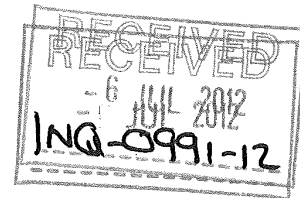
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Dear Madam

RE: INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS- CLAIRE ROBERTS

I refer to the above matter and to your letter dated 20th June 2012 (reference as quoted above).

In response to your said letter, Dr Bartholome has apologised for any confusion created by her response to question 10 (b). However, Dr Bartholome confirms that her response to said question is actually correct, in that, the Consultant-on-call would have been contacted about such an event on 21st/22nd October 1996, since the patient had been admitted under his or her care.

In this case, Dr Steen had been on call from 21st to 22nd October and, as you are aware, Claire Roberts had been admitted under Dr Steen's care. Due to the serious deterioration in Claire's condition, Dr Steen had been informed because she was the Consultant looking after her. Dr Steen was not the Consultant-on-call on the night of the 23rd October 1996.

I am also instructed that in the RBHSC, it is common practice to contact the Consultant looking after a child about an event like this, if possible. Dr Bartholome cannot confirm whether the Paediatric Consultant who was on call, on the night of 22nd to 23rd October, was also contacted.

I trust this now clarifies the relevant responses in Dr Bartholome's Witness Statement.

Yours faithfully

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