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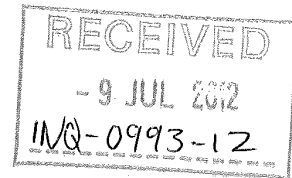
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Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths
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Dear Madam

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

I refer to the above matter and to your letters dated 13th June and 26th June 2012
(references as quoted above).

I would refer you to our response to your letter dated 21st June 2011, reference
BC-0037-11, a copy of which I enclose for your attention.

Yours faithfully

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BC-0037-11

Dear Madam

INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS

I refer to your letter dated 21 June 2011.

I have been advised by the Trust that a Death Certificate is issued to the next of kin when a death is to be registered with the Registrar for Deaths. It is an original document and is not copied before issue to the next of kin. If a death is reported to the Coroner and is to undergo an Inquest no Death Certificate is issued by the Trust but at the conclusion of the Inquest HM Coroner issues the next of kin with the Death Certificate for them to register the death with the Registrar for Deaths.

In the cases of Adam Strain, Raychel Ferguson and Conor Mitchell, the deaths were immediately reported to the Coroner who undertook to conduct Inquests. He will have issued the Death Certificates to the families.


In the case of Claire Roberts a Death Certificate was issued by the Trust to the family who registered the death. In 2006 HM Coroner had the death de-registered on application to the Attorney General in order to hold an Inquest. The Coroner will have issued a further Death Certificate to the family for them to re-register the death.

In the case of Lucy Crawford the Trust reported the death to the Coroner but an Inquest was not ordered so the Trust issued a Death Certificate to the family. I understand that the Coroner subsequently recovered the Death Certificate from the Registrar for Deaths prior to conducting an Inquest.

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I note that a copy of Adam's Death Certificate is on the Inquiry's website (070-001-001). I assume the Inquiry would be able to obtain the other original Death Certificates from the Registrar for Deaths.

Yours faithfully



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