The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

Chairman: Mr John O'Hara QC

Mr Alphy Maginness Directorate of Legal Services 2 Franklin Street BELFAST BT2 8DQ Your Ref: NSCB04/1 NSCW50/1 NSCS071/1

Our Ref: AD-0423-12

Date: 27th September 2012

Dear Mr Maginness,

Further to my letter of 25th September (a copy of which I attach for your ease of reference), I would be grateful if you would advise me of the following; whether Dr Steen made any requests, orally, or in writing or by e-mail at anytime going back to November 2004, (the date of the UTV programme), or since, of Gary Daly, the Solicitor to the Trust or to Peter Walby, Litigation Manager at the Trust or Management Administration Assistant at the Trust to clarify whether:

- 1. She was present in the hospital; and/or
- 2. In the ward; and/or
- 3. Contactable;

on Tuesday 22 October 1996.

Please also confirm what steps did the Trust take, if any, of its own motion at anytime from November 2004 onwards to investigate or interrogate the computer systems in the Trust comprehensively and in particular the patient administrative system (PAS) to check if Dr Steen was in the hospital, and/or on the ward and/or contactable.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Dillon

Solicitor to the Inquiry

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Our Ref: AD-0419-12

Date: 25th September 2012

Dear Mr Maginess,

Re: Claire Roberts

I refer to the issue which arose at yesterday's hearing regarding the documents Dr Steen now has in her possession touching upon her whereabouts/availability on Tuesday 22nd October 1996.

For this afternoon's hearing, the Chairman has directed that the Trust be in a position to provide him with details of any/all inquiries and efforts made to discover the whereabouts and movements of Dr Steen between 9am and 5pm on 22 October 1996 by either Dr Steen or by the Royal/Belfast Trust, either for Claire's inquest in 2006 or since then for the purposes of responding to requests made by the Inquiry for witness statements or information.

I am grateful for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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