

The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

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Dear Ms Beggs,

Re: Dr Brigitte Bartholome

Dr Brigitte Bartholome is due to give evidence to the Inquiry on 15th October.

She was involved with Claire's care and treatment on Tuesday 22nd October and Wednesday 23rd October 1996. At the time she was a Paediatric Registrar. To assist the Inquiry in establishing the nature and extent of Dr Bartholome's duties and responsibilities on those dates I would be grateful if the Trust would interrogate their systems with a view to providing the following information:

1. How many children were in the RBHSC between 7am on 22 October 1996 and 4 am on 23 October?
2. How many children were seen in A&E in the RBHSC between the same times?
3. Was Dr Bartholome the only paediatric registrar on duty between 5pm on 22 October 1996 and 4 am on 23 October 1996. If not please provide the names of any other registrars.
4. Was she responsible for covering A&E during those hours?
5. How many wards was she also responsible for covering?

I would be grateful if this request was drawn to the attention of Trust staff immediately in order that a response is available in advance of Dr Bartholome giving evidence scheduled for 15th October 2012.

Thank you for your assistance.

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