

The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

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Our Ref: HW-0046-12

Date: 29th August 2012

Dear Ms Crawford,

Re Claire Roberts, Governance

I refer to your letter dated 8th June 2012 regarding the meeting held on 7th December 2004 with the Roberts family and the corresponding emails (copies attached). The Inquiry now requires a response to the following:

1. An explanation as to what "*Re Case number 4*" refers to at the top of page A.49/04/35/J page: 340 and a copy of all other documents contained in this file that refer to "Case number 4".
2. The roles and job titles of [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].
3. The email of 14th December 2004 from Nichola Rooney to Professor Young, Dr Steen and Dr Sands clearly refers to putting "*some answers down on paper*" and "*thinking about/writing down some initial responses*" which would indicate that written documents were produced. It is noted from your letter dated 8th June that "*there is no Clinical Psychology file in relation to Claire Roberts or her family*", however the Inquiry had requested the "complete file" in relation to Claire Roberts. Please now forward the file that Dr Rooney held with respect to these meetings. If this file is no longer available then the reason for this must be provided to the Inquiry.

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4. In the email of 15th December 2004 from Michael McBride to [REDACTED], it is stated that, *"following our case note review and the expert opinion of Prof Young and others that we are significantly confident that...fluid management was a contributory factor to her death"*. Please confirm to the Inquiry who the "others" were including information regarding their roles and job titles and any reports they may have provided. Further, the email states *"I would ask you to begin to coordinate notes of meetings and report to date"*. Again, this indicates that Mr Walby was asked to set up a file in relation to this issue and we ask that this file is forwarded to the Inquiry, if this is not possible then the reason for this must be provided.
5. I refer you to a letter from Dr McBride dated 17th December 2004 (ref: 089-005-010) in which he states, *"I will be kept informed of your ongoing contact"*. Please provide any correspondence to Dr McBride informing him of the progress of the Roberts' case.
6. I refer you to a letter from Mr Walby to Dr Bingham dated 11th January 2005 (ref: 090-049-153) in which he states, *"original hospital notes are being used at present to obtain statements from the staff involved in Claire's care."* Please provide details of these statements including where they are kept, the format, who took them, the dates they were taken and from whom.

Please provide this information by 10th September 2012.

Yours sincerely,



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