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Date:
23rd October 2012

Ms Anne Dillon
Solicitor to the Inquiry
Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths
Arthur House
41 Arthur Street
Belfast
BT1 4GB



Dear Ms Dillon

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

I refer to the above matter. My client has instructed me to write to you in order to raise the following points in relation to the Expert Reports:-

1. It would appear that Ms Ramsay has not been made aware of our client having identified the (direct) urine examination result at page 090-030-094 and the Organisms and Sensitivity (O/S) urine result at page 090-030-097; the dates of which had been obscured on the copies reproduced on the Inquiry website, but you will note that we had provided clearer copies of same, some time ago (further copies are now attached, for your ease of reference). These results tally with the nursing entry at page 090-040-140, which contains two boxes which have been created by a nurse and then have been 'ticked' to show that the samples have been taken and sent to the laboratory.
2. Ms Ramsay also appears to have made a typographical error on page 20 of her Report where she refers to there having been no alteration to the care plan on the 21st October 1996, when she should be referring to the 22nd October 1996. Please confirm that this will be corrected.
3. In relation to Prof. Keith Cartwright's microbiology brief and his two reports and specifically in relation to the post-mortem CSF analysis report (090-030-095), whilst the Inquiry has stated to Prof. Cartwright in its brief at 233-001-022 that the CSF report is undated, we have been informed by our client that this is most likely because the date has been obscured by the dark photocopying at the bottom of the report. A clearer copy of same showing the date as 25th October 1996 is now attached for your attention. Please confirm that this will be posted on the Evidence section of your website in order to replace the existing copy. Please also confirm that a hard copy of this document will also be circulated to all Interested Parties.


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4. Dr.Scott-Jupp, Expert Paediatrician states in his supplementary report that he thinks that the loading dose of Phenytoin 632mg (635mg) was given at 23.00hrs on 22nd October 1996 (234-003-002). We would advise, however, that according to the Medical Records Dr Stevenson gave the loading dose at 14.45hrs on 22nd October 1996 and he has initialled having given it then (090-026-075). The maintenance infusions were then to be given twice daily at 08.30hrs and 21.30hrs (not 20.30hrs as Dr Scott Jupp states) (090-026-075). The first infusion dose had actually been given to Claire slightly late (recorded on the fluid balance chart 090-038-135 as between 23.00hrs and 24.00hrs) and not early, as Dr Scott Jupp has asserted in his Report. Furthermore, the first infusion dose had also been given after the serum phenytoin result had been obtained from the laboratory at 23.30hrs.

As well as confirming that the Inquiry will publish and distribute the attached copy records to all Interested Parties, I should be most obliged if you could also confirm that a copy of this letter will also be sent to all Interested Parties, at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully



Angela Crawford
Solicitor

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
Allen Ward

FALLS ROAD
BELFAST

(3395)

SYDNEY ROBERTS
PATIENTS CLINIC
Age/DOB 09 10/01/87 Sex F
Hosp.No. 328770
Specimen URINE (Direct)

URINE MICROSCOPY.....

Neutrophils	per ul.	Present (occasional)
Erythrocytes	per ul.	Nil
Epithelial cells	per ul.	Present (occasional)
Casts	per ul.	Nil
Crystals		Nil
Organisms		Nil

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CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
Allen Ward

FALLS ROAD
BELFAST

(1719)

BURTON, ROBERTA
Forename CLAIRE
Age/DOB 09 10/01/87 Sex F
Hosp.No. 328770
Specimen URINE(M.S.S.U.)

URINE CULTURE..... NO SIGNIFICANT GROWTH

..... < 10,000 orgs/ml

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CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
Neurology
Allen, Prof, IV.
FALLS ROAD
BELFAST
(3396)

Surname ROBERTS ICU
Forename CLAIRE
Age/DOB 09 12/01/87 Sex F
Hosp. No. 323270
Specimen CSF

Idron

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CEREBRO-SPINAL FLUID ANALYSIS.

Appearance.....	Bloodstained
Supernatant.....	Steady coloured
Protein (g/l).....	25.0
(Normal range: 0.15-0.45)	
Globulin.....	Present(++)
Erythrocytes (cells/ul).....	300000
Leucocytes (cells/ul).....	4000
Cytology.....	Mainly Lymphocytes

Clare

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BELFAST

(3395)

Dr. J. J. ROBERTS

Director CLATSOP

Age/DOB 02 10/01/87 Sex F

Hosp. No. 328770

Specimen URINE (Direct)

URINE MICROSCOPY.....

Neutrophils	per ul.	Present (occasional)
Erythrocytes	per ul.	Nil
Epithelial cells	per ul.	Present (occasional)
Casts	per ul.	Nil
Crystals		Nil
Osgoodia		Nil

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CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
Allen Ward

FALLS ROAD
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(1719)

BURNHAM ROBERTS
PATIENT CLAUDE
Age/DOB 09 10/01/87 Sex F
Hosp.No. 328770
Specimen URINE(M.S.S.U.)

URINE CULTURE..... NO SIGNIFICANT GROWTH

..... < 10,000 orgs/ml

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Neurology
Allen, Prof, IV.
FALLS ROAD
BELFAST

(3396)

Surgeon WILKINS ICU
Forename CLAIRE
Age/DOB 09 10/01/87 Sex F
Hosp.No. 323270
Specimen CSF

Idron

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CEREBRO-SPINAL FLUID ANALYSIS.
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Appearance.....	Bloodstained
Supernatant.....	Stress coloured
Protein (g/l).....	95.0
(Normal range, 0.15-0.45)	
Globulin.....	Present(+++)
Erythrocytes (cells/ul).....	300000
Leucocytes (cells/ul).....	4000
Cytology.....	Mainly Lymphocytes

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CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
Allen Ward

FALLS ROAD
BELFAST

(3395)

Dr. J. J. ROBERTS

Paediatric CLINIC

26/08/81 09 10/01/82 Sex F

Hosp. No. 339770

Specimen URINE (Direct)

URINE MICROSCOPY.....

Neutrophils	per ul.	Present (occasional)
Erythrocytes	per ul.	Nil
Epithelial cells	per ul.	Present (occasional)
Crystals	per ul.	Nil
Crystals		Nil
Organisms		Nil

* FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, IS REQUIRED 26/08/81

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
Allen Ward

FALLS ROAD
BELFAST

(1719)

Parental Name: ROBERTS
Parental Name: CLARE
Age/DOB: 09 10/01/87 Sex: F
Hosp. No.: 328770
Specimen: URINE (M.S.S.U.)

URINE CULTURE..... NO SIGNIFICANT GROWTH

..... < 10,000 orgs/ml

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Date: 23/10/96 Specimen Date: 22/10/96 P.V.H. BACTERIOLOGY

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
Neurology
Allen, Prof, IV,
Falls Road
SELEFAST

(3396)

Suzanne ROBERTS ICU
Forename CLAIRE
Age/DOB 09 10/01/87 Sex F
Hosp.No. 323270
Specimen CSF

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CEREBRO-SPINAL FLUID ANALYSIS.
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Appearance.....	Bloodstained
Supernatant.....	Stem coloured
Protein (g/l).....	95.0
(Normal range.....)	0.15-0.45)
Globulin.....	Present(++)
Erythrocytes (cells/ul).....	300000
Leucocytes (cells/ul).....	4200
Cytology.....	Mainly Lymphocytes

Clare

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