

The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

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Dear Ms Crawford,

Re: Claire Roberts

Further to the evidence of Professor Cartwright today, I refer you to documents ref: 090-032-108, 090-032-110, 090-032-111, 090-032-112 which are laboratory reports documenting blood test results from Claire Roberts during the period 21st October – 23rd October 1996. With regards to the white blood cell count, Professor Cartwright has queried that the reports only document the Leucocytes results and do not list the differential white blood test results such as the lymphocytes and neutrophils. In contrast, there are a number of differential red blood test results listed in the reports.

The Inquiry now requires your client to provide an explanation for the absence of the differential white blood test results and to confirm what type of machine was used in the RBHSC laboratories in October 1996 to perform blood tests. Further, please also confirm if the differential white blood test results were available generally at RBHSC in October 1996. If they were introduced at a later date, please confirm the date that these results were provided to Clinicians.

I would be grateful if you could treat this as an urgent query and provide a response by the end of this week.

I am enclosing the relevant parts of Professor Cartwright's evidence for your information.

Yours sincerely,



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