

The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

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Dear Ms Crawford,

Re: Claire Roberts

Thank you for your letters dated 12th November 2012 (enclosed) regarding the number and categorisation of deaths in 1995/1996 and the statistics of deaths with hyponatraemia as a primary or secondary diagnosis at the RBHSC.

The Inquiry requires your client to now clarify the following:

- 1) What diagnosis was applied to Claire Roberts?
- 2) Was Claire Roberts one of the two cases recorded under hyponatraemia in 1996?

I would be grateful if you could treat this as an urgent matter.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Madam

RE: INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS

Further to your letter dated 28th August 2012, referenced as above, my client has instructed as follows:-

1. The Belfast Trust do not code the cause of death but rather the primary diagnosis treated or investigated. Therefore the total number of deaths for RBHSC for the years 1995 and 1996 categorised by Primary Diagnoses are listed below:

RBHSC Total Deaths by Primary Diagnoses. <u>NO-This is not cause of death</u>		
Row Labels	V1995	V1996
anomalies of diaphragm	2	
asthma - unspecified	1	
atresia and stenosis of small intestine	1	
Atresia Of Pulmonary Artery		1
bronchopneumonia, organism unspecified		1
bulbus cordis anomalies and anomalies of cardiac septal closure - transposition of great vessels	1	
burns classified according to extent of body surface involved, 50-59%		1
cardiac arrest	1	1
cerebral degenerations usually manifest in childhood - unspecified		1
cerebral oedema	1	
Chromosomal Abnormality, Unspecified		1
chronic pulmonary heart disease	1	
chronic renal failure	1	
Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia		3



Diaphragmatic Hernia Without Obstruction Or Gangrene		1
Drowning And Nonfatal Submersion		1
Fracture Of Base Of Skull		1
haemoglobinura due to haemolysis from external causes	1	
heart failure - unspecified	2	
hirschsprung's disease and other congenital functional disorders of colon	1	
hypoplastic left heart syndrome	2	
intracerebral haemorrhage	1	
Intracranial injury of other and unspecified nature	1	
Malignant Neoplasm of kidney or other urinary organ	1	
Malignant neoplasm of other endocrine glands - Pineal Gland	1	
Meningococcaemia, Meningococcal septicaemia	3	
Meningococcaemia, Unspecified		1
Myeloid leukaemia - chronic	1	
Necrotizing Enterocolitis in Fetus or Newborn	1	
Necrotizing Enterocolitis Of Fetus And Newborn		2
other and unspecified disorders of metabolism	2	
other anomalies of intestine	1	
other cerebral degenerations in childhood	1	
other diseases of lung, not elsewhere classified	1	
other diseases of respiratory system - unspecified	1	
other diseases of respiratory system, not elsewhere classified	1	
other hernia of abdominal cavity without mention of obstruction or gangrene - diaphragmatic	2	
other hypothermia of newborn	1	
Other Mononeuropathies Of Lower Limb		1
pneumococcal pneumonia	1	
pneumonia, organism unspecified		2
pyelonephritis or pyonephrosis, not specified as acute or chronic	1	
Respiratory Arrest		1
respiratory failure	2	1
shock without mention of trauma		1
symptoms involving respiratory system and other chest symptoms	1	
Traumatic Cerebral Oedema		1
Unspecified Acute Lower Respiratory Infection		1
unspecified anomalies of circulatory system		1
Unspecified Injury Of Head		2
Unspecified Renal Failure		1
Unspecified septicaemia	2	
uncoded	1	
Grand Total	42	27

2. The Belfast Trust do not code the cause of death but rather the primary diagnosis treated or investigated. Therefore the total number of deaths in PICU for the years 1995 and 1996 categorised by primary diagnoses are listed below:

PICU Deaths by Primary Diagnoses. <u>NB-This is not cause of death</u>		
Row Labels	Y1995	Y1996
anomalies of diaphragm	2	
asthma - unspecified	1	
bronchopneumonia, organism unspecified		1
burns classified according to extent of body surface involved, 50-59%		1
cardiac arrest	1	1
Chromosomal Abnormality, Unspecified		1
chronic pulmonary heart disease	1	
chronic renal failure	1	
Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia		3
Diaphragmatic Hernia Without Obstruction Or Gangrene		1
Drowning And Nonfatal Submersion		1
Fracture Of Base Of Skull		1
haemoglobinura due to haemolysis from external causes	1	
heart failure - unspecified	2	
intracerebral haemorrhage	1	
intracranial injury of other and unspecified nature	1	
Meningococcaemia, Meningococcal septicaemia	3	
Meningococcaemia, Unspecified		1
Necrotizing Enterocolitis in Fetus or Newborn	1	
Necrotizing Enterocolitis Of Fetus And Newborn		2
other anomalies of intestine	1	
other cerebral degenerations in childhood	1	
other diseases of lung, not elsewhere classified	1	
other hernia of abdominal cavity without mention of obstruction or gangrene - diaphragmatic	2	
Other Mononeuropathies Of Lower Limb		1
pneumonia, organism unspecified		1
Pneumonia, Unspecified		1
Respiratory Arrest		1
respiratory failure	1	1
shock without mention of trauma		1
symptoms involving respiratory system and other chest symptoms	1	
Traumatic Cerebral Oedema		1
unspecified anomalies of circulatory system		1
Unspecified Injury Of Head		2
Unspecified Renal Failure		1
Unspecified septicaemia	2	

Uncoded	1	
Grand Total	25	24

This completes my client's response.

Yours faithfully



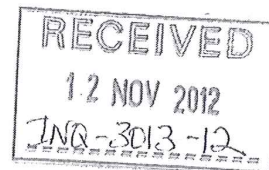
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Dear Madam

RE: INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS

Further to your letter dated 17th October 2012, my client has confirmed, as follows:-

RBHSC Deaths with Hyponatraemia as a primary or secondary diagnosis.
NB. This is not Cause of death

	Y1996	Y1997	Y1998	Y1999	Y2000	Y2001	Y2002	Y2007
Grand Total	2	3	3	1	2	3	1	1

This completes my client's response.

Yours faithfully


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