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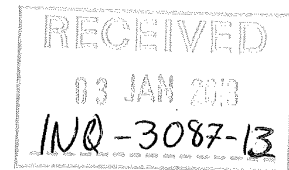
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Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths  
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Dear Madam

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

We refer to the Inquiry's letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> November 2012 reference HW-0108-12.

Please find attached the coding form relating to Claire Roberts. A copy of this form has already been provided however the enclosed copy contains one addition. The last code at the bottom of the form was omitted previously as it was scrolled underneath the screen view on PAS. This is not a diagnostic code but rather a status code outlining the patient being ventilated.

In response to the questions in your letter of 21<sup>st</sup> November we confirm our client's instructions are as follows:

1. Claire Robert's hospital stay was across two specialties thus giving two episodes with separate sets of diagnoses. In the first episode (Paediatric Medicine) the primary diagnosis or main condition coded as treated was G41.8 – "Status Epilepticus". G04.9 encephalitis was coded as a secondary diagnosis to this.

When Claire became critically ill and moved to PICU another episode was created whereby the primary diagnosis changed to R09.2 – "Respiratory arrest" as this then became the main condition necessitating treatment in PICU. The other diagnoses which also either arose or had been present are also coded in this episode.

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2. Claire was one of the two cases recorded as hyponatraemia in 1996.

Yours faithfully



John Johnston  
Solicitor

CLAIRE ROBERTS -CH 328770

Admitted on 04/09/87 14:52 To EH PMED CH AW

Disposal 18/09/87 USUAL RESIDENCE

Admitted on 21/10/96 21:14 To HJS PMED CH AW

Disposal 23/10/96 DIED - POST MORTEM

Paediatric Medical Episode

Primary :G41.8 Other status epilepticus

Subsid. :G04.9 Encephalitis, myelitis and encephalomyelitis, unspecified

Paediatric ICU Episode

Primary :R09.2 Respiratory arrest

Subsid. :E87.1 Hypo-osmolality and hyponatraemia

Second :E87.0 Hyperosmolality and hypernatraemia

:E87.6 Hypokalaemia

:G41.8 Other status epilepticus

:G04.9 Encephalitis, myelitis and encephalomyelitis, unspecified

:G93.6 Cerebral oedema

:Z99.1 Dependence on Respirator