

# The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

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Dear Ms Bolton,

**Re Claire Roberts**

I refer to your letter of 11th April 2013.

The Claire Roberts Timeline of Events (Ref: 310-001-001) was prepared by the Inquiry Legal Team as a visual aid for the purposes of the Oral Hearings into the clinical aspects of Claire Roberts' case. Other schedules and visual aids have been prepared by the Inquiry Legal Team for all of the children's cases, including a similar 'Timeline of Events' in Raychel Ferguson's case (Ref: 312-001-001).

The Claire Roberts Timeline was referred to and explained at paragraphs 22 to 23 of the Clinical Opening of Claire's case as follows:

"22. A companion document to the Chronology is the Timeline of Claire's treatment, which visually charts Claire's condition over time during her admission. It contains details such as:

- (i) The cumulative total of Solution 18 she received
- (ii) Her Glasgow Coma Scale (normal and modified)
- (iii) Her seizures and attacks
- (iv) Admissions and examinations by clinicians
- (v) Her sodium results
- (vi) Administration of medication
- (vii) The doctors and nurses on duty or on call during each period.

23. As can be seen, the Timeline is colour-coded. Items in blue relate to Claire's fluid and sodium balance. Items in red concern any attacks or seizures suffered by Claire. Items in purple relate to medications administered to Claire. Items in black relate to admission and attendances by doctors."

The Timelines of Events in both Claire and Raychel's cases are visual representations of details extracted from the relevant medical notes and records. The Inquiry Legal Team has not added any editorial comment or opinion to this information.

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The Clarification Note dated 11th April 2013 was also compiled by the Inquiry Legal Team to explain further the details contained within the Claire Roberts Timeline, after some confusion arose during the Oral Hearings as to how certain parts of the Timeline were compiled or charted. Expert advice was not required and therefore not sought.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Dillon', written in a cursive style.

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Solicitor to the Inquiry