



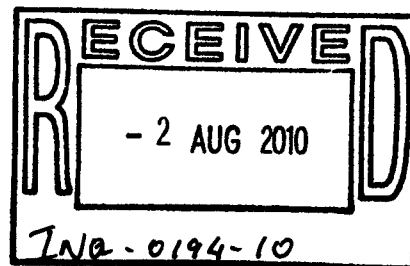
Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

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Ms Anne Dillon
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Inquiry into Hyponatraemia Related Deaths
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Dear Ms Dillon

Re: Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

The Trust's solicitor has forwarded your letter of 7th July 2010 for reply.

Bullet point 1

I enclose copies of Trust Board agendas and Minutes of monthly meetings for the period from November 1995 until December 1996 as requested.

Bullet points 2&3

All subcommittee Board meetings and Executive management meetings from November 1995 to December 1996 were minuted on the Hummingbird electronic record system and are now inaccessible. The Trust is investigating whether a licence can be raised to access these with the new IT systems.

Bullet point 4


All deaths in the RBHSC are discussed at the Paediatric Directorate Clinical Audit Meetings which are attended by paediatricians, paediatric surgeons and paediatric anaesthetists. The number of cases of mortality discussed is usually given in the Minutes but no names or clinical details are ever given.

Bullet point 5

Following the Inquest into the death of Adam Strain on 19th June 1996 the team of paediatric anaesthetists drafted a memorandum for use during paediatric surgery. (060-018-035,036)

Regarding the Boards' sub-committee dealing with issues relating to quality of patients' care, it will be necessary to await access to Hummingbird to identify when this was established.

Yours sincerely


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