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Dear Madam

RE: INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF ADAM STRAIN

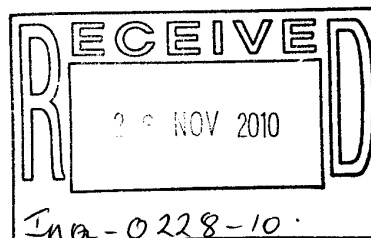
I refer to the above and to your letter of 27th October 2010. The two documents referred to were prepared for different purposes.

As previously advised in Mr William McKee's Statement (061) to the Inquiry dated 25.06.05 (ii) recommendations were drawn up for the prevention and management of hyponatraemia by those anaesthetists who would be involved in major paediatric surgical procedures. The recommendations (061-018-036) may be considered substantive in that they were drawn up by the only anaesthetists in Northern Ireland who were performing such work. There would have been no necessity or requirement to circulate the recommendations outside RBHSC or the Royal Hospitals (sic Eastern) Trust and the Trust did not do so.

The Draft Statement (011-014-107a) dated 20.06.96 was prepared as a laymen's version of the above recommendations by the Trust's management in conjunction with the Trust's solicitor. Its last version on file (059-008-023,024,025) remains labelled draft and its sole purpose was to inform the media and it was forwarded to the Trust's Director of Corporate Affairs on 21.06.95 in anticipation of media interest at the conclusion of the Inquest.

The version of the Draft Statement (C5) supplied (011-014-107a) signed by Robert H. Taylor was produced at the Inquest and Dr Taylor has signed same as part of his Deposition (011-014-107.)

Yours faithfully



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