The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

Chairman: Mr John O'Hara QC

Ms Wendy Beggs Directorate of Legal Services 2 Franklin Street BELFAST BT2 8DQ Your Ref: NSCB04/1 NSCW50/1 NSCS071/1

Our Ref: AD-0237-11

Date: 8th March 2011

Dear Ms Beggs,

Re Investigation into the death of Adam Strain

I refer to the above and to your letter of 24th February 2011.

The response given therein to my request for a copy of a protocol concerning "monitoring, anaesthetic set-up and drug administration" was that "Dr Gibson will have been referring to her perception of clinical practice in RBHSC and not to any written document".

Dr Gibson in her report (reference 011-005-017) states:

"The Protocols for monitoring, anaesthetic set-up and drug administration in this area are among the best on the Royal Hospitals site."

Would you please confirm that despite this statement, it is your client's belief that the protocols to which Dr Gibson referred did not in fact exist in written form?

Would you advise me if Dr Gibson's witness statement request has been forwarded to her home address?

I am grateful for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Dillon

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