

## The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

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Dear Ms Beggs,

**Re: Adam Strain**

The Inquiry is examining the use by clinicians of point of contact testing equipment and the use of theatre equipment such as the Siemens Monitor.

I would ask the Belfast Trust to confirm whether in 1995, any policy or guidance existed with regard to the maintenance and use of such equipment, to include any documentation which covers such issues as risk assessment and quality control checks. If any policy or guidance did exist on these issues, please provide the Inquiry with all relevant documentation in this regard.

The Inquiry is also examining issues surrounding the conduct of laboratory testing and the production of biochemical results during major surgery. I would ask you to confirm whether in 1995 the Royal Group of Hospitals Trust had any policy or guidance in this respect and if so, I would ask that you provide copies of all relevant documentation in this regard.

The Inquiry requires a response by 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2012.

Yours sincerely,



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