

# The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

Chairman: Mr John O'Hara QC

Ms Wendy Beggs  
Directorate of Legal Services  
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Our Ref : AD-0356-12

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> May 2012

Dear Ms Beggs,

**Re: Adam Strain**

With reference to document 059-072-165 (copy attached for your ease of reference) I would be grateful if you would inform me of the following:

1. Whether this matter was referred to the Health & Safety Inspectorate for a review of anaesthetic systems as suggested at point 2 of the document.
2. If so, what was the outcome?
3. If not, why not? Please identify who decided on this course of action

Please provide copies of all documents regarding the above.

Yours sincerely,

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Solicitor to the Inquiry

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Circulation

- 1 Dr. M. Savage - info
- 2 Dr. R. H. Taylor - info
- 3 Mr. J. Brown - info
- 4 Dr. G. Gaston - info
- 5 Dr. G. Webb - action

Mr. J. Wilson Chief RTO Recu action  
05/12/95.

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\* SEND THIS OUT UNSIGNED  
please

The Coroner has spoken to me <sup>recently on several occasions</sup> about this very unfortunate clinical outcome and has now written requesting that I obtain for him "as soon as possible" statements from the clinicians involved.

Additionally he has <sup>requested</sup> details:

1. Requested a statement from the anaesthetic technical staff about the equipment used during the surgery and anaesthesia. This has been arranged
2. Referred the matter to the Health and Safety Inspector for a review of our anaesthetic systems. This will be facilitated through this office

In order that you may prepare <sup>the</sup> requested report I am sending with this letter an <sup>extract</sup> copy of the recent casenotes. ~~which~~ I have to send the original of Volume 10 to Dr. John Alexander, Consultant Anaesthetist who has been retained by the Coroner to ~~be~~ an independent medical expert