

## Directorate of Legal Services

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Our Ref: HYP B04/1 Date: 24th May 2012

Ms Anne Dillon Solicitor to the Inquiry Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths Arthur House 41 Arthur Street Belfast BT1 4GB



Dear Madam

## RE: INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS- ADAM STRAIN

We refer to the above matter and to your letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> May 2012, reference as quoted above.

The Belfast Trust's understanding of Point 2 of Dr Murnaghan's memorandum attached to your said letter, is that it was the Coroner who had actually referred the RBHSC anaesthetic system to the Health and Safety Inspectorate. However, the Trust is not aware of this investigation having ever taken place.

Moreover, we would also refer you to our letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2011 (re BC-0063-11) which enclosed copies of the Royal Group of Hospitals' Annual Health and Safety Reports dated 1995-6 and 1996-7, amongst others, and we are instructed that there is no reference to any such investigation in said Reports.

The memorandum also makes reference to Dr Murnaghan's office facilitating any requests for information to visit. There would have been records of any investigation by the H&SI having taken place within the said office, but I am instructed that no such records exist. The Trust believes that said investigation never actually took place, but you may wish to confirm this with the Coroner's office directly.

Yours faithfully

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