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**From:** Alistair Wilson [mailto:Alistair.Wilson@ [REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** 14 December 2012 18:23  
**To:** Conlon, Bernie (IHRD)  
**Subject:** Dr Webb's correspondence with RVH

**Our ref:** 2MD28006

Dear Bernie

A query was raised about the records Dr Webb had of contact with the Trust. He has reviewed his files and thinks this is everything. The front page is a typed note from his then secretary relaying a message, and the rest is self explanatory hopefully. He has nothing pre 2005.

Kind regards

Alistair Wilson  
Partner  
Tughans

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**Sent:** 14 December 2012 18:16  
**To:** Alistair Wilson  
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Professor Ian Young from the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast called – wants to speak to you about a previous patient of yours.  
Tel: [REDACTED]

Claire Roberts  
11 yrs learning difficulties  
special school  
seizures post viral  
anti-convulsants  
deteriorated and died



Hyponatremic  
SIADH

Heather Stein  
Andrew Sands

Referred to Coroner and John O'Hara



**Litigation Management Office, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Bostock House, RVH – Tel:** [REDACTED]

Our Ref: A.49/04/33/Inquiry

14<sup>th</sup> January 2005

Dr D Webb  
Consultant Paediatric Neurologist  
Our Lady's Hospital  
DUBLIN

Dear Dr Webb

**Re: Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related deaths**

The DHSS & PS have appointed Mr John O'Hara QC to hold an Inquiry into the events surrounding and following the deaths of Adam Strain, Lucy Crawford and Raychel Ferguson.

For your information, please find enclosed a copy of the *Terms of Reference* relevant to the Inquiry.

Mr O'Hara has asked the Trust for the names and contact details for all individuals who were involved in the care and treatment of Adam Strain, Lucy Crawford and Raychel Ferguson during their period in the Royal Group of Hospitals and the names and contact details of those individuals who were involved in any subsequent actions such as reviews or enquiries relating to the deaths and the roles the individuals played.

I have identified that you were involved and I detail below the entries relating to you in the listings that have been provided to Mr O'Hara:

**Re: Adam Strain**

Adam was admitted to Musgrave Ward at 2100 hrs on 26 November 1995 and was subsequently cared for in Operating Theatres and in PICU.

Date/time	Role – Action taken	Signature / initials / handwriting of:
27 Nov 1995 1930 hrs	Paediatric Neurology examination and note	Dr David Webb Consultant Paediatric Neurologist

To: Dr D Webb

14<sup>th</sup> January 2005

Date/time	Role – Action taken	Signature / initials / handwriting of:
27 Nov 1995 1935 hrs	Diagnosis of Brainstem Death (First test)	Dr David Webb Dr Rosalie Campbell Locum Consultant Anaesthetist
28 Nov 1995 0910 hrs	Diagnosis of Brainstem Death (Second test)	Dr David Webb, Dr M O'Connor

**Re: Lucy Crawford**

Lucy was admitted to PICU, RBHSC on transfer from the Erne Hospital by ambulance on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2000. There is no record of you having been involved in Lucy's care at RBHSC.

**Re: Raychel Ferguson**

Raychel was admitted to PICU, RBHSC on transfer from Altnagelvin Hospital by ambulance on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2001. There is no record of you having been involved in Raychel's care at RBHSC.

You may not become further involved in this Inquiry and therefore may hear no more about it, but if you are contacted directly by the Inquiry Office, I would ask that you please advise my office immediately by telephone or in writing.

Yours sincerely



A P Walby FRCS Ed  
Associate Medical Director

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## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY

#### THE HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1972

In pursuance of the powers conferred on it by Article 54 and Schedule 8 to the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972, the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety hereby appoints Mr John O'Hara QC to hold an Inquiry into the events surrounding and following the deaths of Adam Strain, Lucy Crawford and Raychel Ferguson, with particular reference to:

- (i) The care and treatment of Adam Strain, Lucy Crawford and Raychel Ferguson, especially in relation to the management of fluid balance and the choice and administration of intravenous fluids in each case.
- (ii) The actions of the statutory authorities, other organisations and responsible individuals concerned in the procedures, investigations and events which followed the deaths of Adam Strain, Lucy Crawford and Raychel Ferguson.
- (iii) The communications with and explanations given to the respective families and others by the relevant authorities.

In addition, Mr O'Hara will:

- (a) Report by 1 June 2005 or such other date as may be agreed with the Department, on the areas specifically identified above and, at his discretion, examine and report on any other relevant matters which arise in connection with the Inquiry.
- (b) Make such recommendations to the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety as he considers necessary and appropriate.

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Our Ref: A.49/04/35/J

14<sup>th</sup> March 2005

Dr David Webb  
Consultant Paediatric Neurologist  
Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children  
Crumlin  
DUBLIN 12

RECEIVED BY RECEPTION  
23 MAR 2006

Dear Dr Webb.

**Re: Claire Roberts (deceased)**

I refer to previous correspondence regarding the above named and now enclose  
Summons to Witness received from the Central Process Office.

Yours sincerely

*Amanda Lennan.*

PP A P Walby FRCS Ed  
Associate Medical Director

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Litigation Management Office, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Bostock House, RVH – Tel: [REDACTED]

Our Ref: A.49/04/35/J

31<sup>st</sup> March 2005

Dr David Webb  
Consultant Paediatric Neurologist  
Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children  
Crumlin  
DUBLIN 12

Dear David

**Re: Claire Roberts (deceased)**

I reported this child's death to H M Coroner on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2004 and it seems likely that he will investigate the death which may become a Coroner's Inquest Hearing in due course. I should be grateful if you would provide a draft statement, outlining your part in the care of the late Claire Roberts.

Your statement should commence with "I am a registered medical practitioner/ registrar/consultant, etc". Please also specify when and where you qualified, together with a list of your qualifications. When forwarding your statement, it would be helpful if you could email it to amanda.lennon [REDACTED]

This will be a legally significant statement and you may wish to consult your professional body or legal adviser before submitting your draft to this office. A booklet explaining the function of the Coroner's office is available from the Litigation Management Office.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely

*AP Walby*

A P Walby FRCS Ed  
Associate Medical Director

Enc. Copy casenotes

*→ Dr Dwyer  
- Copies of medical records  
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**Litigation Management Office, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Bostock House, RVH – Tel:** [REDACTED]

Our Ref: A.49/04/35/J

*30* April 2005

Dr David Webb  
Consultant Paediatric Neurologist  
Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children  
Crumlin  
DUBLIN 12

Dear *David*

**Re: Claire Roberts (deceased)**

I refer to my letter of 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2005 and look forward to receiving your statement outlining your part in the care of the late Claire Roberts.

If you have any queries regarding this please contact me at the above telephone number.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely

*A P Walby*

A P Walby FRCS Ed  
Associate Medical Director

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Our Ref: A.49/04/35/J

31<sup>st</sup> July 2005

Dr David Webb  
Consultant Paediatric Neurologist  
Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children  
Crumlin  
DUBLIN 12

Dear David

**Re: Claire Roberts (deceased)**

I enclose your statement redrafted onto a witness statement form which you will be asked to read out at an Inquest should H M Coroner decide to hold one.

Statements are usually first hand accounts of your own actions leaving others to fill in their portion of the patient management, but in this case I feel your more comprehensive style of statement is appropriate in this particular case.

I have changed the sentence beginning "I made the mistake....." on page 20 as I think it is not clear that it was a mistake and I would allow others to judge that if they wish. Other than a few typographical errors corrected I would leave the statement as it stands and I would be grateful if you would sign and date it where marked and return to this office for onward transmission to H M Coroner.

Yours sincerely



A P Walby FRCS Ed  
Associate Medical Director

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Our Ref: A.49/04/35/J

2nd August 2005

Dr David Webb  
Consultant Paediatric Neurologist  
Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children  
Crumlin  
DUBLIN 12

Dear David

**Re: Claire Roberts (deceased)**

Please find enclosed Dr Bingham's independent report which has been forwarded by H M Coroner. For your information I also enclose a copy of an article from Pediatrics of May 2004 which Dr Bingham had sent Mr Leckey.

H M Coroner is still awaiting a report from Dr Ian Machonochie who is a Consultant in Paediatric Accident and Emergency Medicine in St Mary's Hospital London and I will forward you a copy of this when received.

Yours sincerely



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Associate Medical Director

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Our Ref: A.49/04/35/J

27<sup>th</sup> September 2005

Dr David Webb  
Consultant Paediatric Neurologist  
Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children  
Crumlin  
DUBLIN 12

Dear David

**Re: Claire Roberts (deceased)**

I enclose Dr Machonochie's report forwarded by H M Coroner, Mr Leckey. He invites you to comment if you wish. Please let me have an acknowledgement even if you decide not to comment in order that I can so advise Mr Leckey.

Yours sincerely



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Associate Medical Director

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**Litigation Management Office, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Bostock House, RVH – Tel:** [REDACTED]

Our Ref: A.49/04/35/J

6<sup>th</sup> October 2005

Dr David Webb  
Consultant Paediatric Neurologist  
Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children  
Crumlin  
DUBLIN 12

Dear David



**Re: Claire Roberts (deceased)**

Further to previous correspondence, I enclose copy of a letter from H M Coroner dated 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2005 together with Mr Robert's letter of 29<sup>th</sup> September 2005.

Your responses to me will be forwarded to the Trust's Solicitors prior to submission to H M Coroner.

Yours sincerely

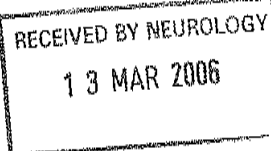
*Peter*

A P Walby FRCS Ed  
Associate Medical Director



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Litigation Management Office, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Bostock House, RVH – Tel: [REDACTED]

Our Ref: A.49/04/35/1

7<sup>th</sup> March 2006

Dr David Webb  
Consultant Paediatric Neurologist  
Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children  
Crumlin  
DUBLIN 12

Dear David

**Re: Claire Roberts (deceased)**

I refer to previous correspondence regarding the above named and I enclose a copy of your statement of witness for ease of reference.

Please now find attached a signed letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> March 2006 received from HM Coroner's Office, which confirms the date for the Inquest Hearing in this case.

My office will be in touch in due course to arrange a consultation with the Trust's Solicitors prior to the Inquest.

Yours sincerely

A P Walby FRCS Ed  
Associate Medical Director

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Litigation Management Office, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Bostock House, RVH – Tel: [REDACTED]

Our Ref: A.49/04/33/AS/PSNI

13 March 2006

Dr David Webb  
Consultant Paediatric Neurologist  
Our Lady's Hospital  
Crumlin  
DUBLIN 12

BY NEUROLOGY  
20 MAR 2006

Dear *David*

Re: Adam Strain (deceased)

I refer to my letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> January 2005 (copy enclosed) and would now advise that the PSNI are conducting an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of Adam Strain.

As part of this investigation the PSNI are interviewing a number of staff who were involved in Adam's care and have asked that we set up an interview with you. I would confirm that Mr Gary Daly, the Trust Solicitor can be available to attend this interview, however you are free to bring along your own representation if you so wish.

I have given D/S Cross, the police officer involved your address and he may contact you directly, however if you wish to have Mr Daly attend please contact Miss Amanda Lennon in this office (Tel: [REDACTED]).

I am available should you wish to discuss any concerns in relation to this matter and can be contacted on the above telephone number.

Yours sincerely

*APW*

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