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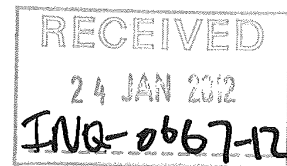
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BC-0101-12

Our Ref:
HYP W50/1

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Dear Sir,

RE: INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS

I refer to the above matter and your letters of 9th December 2011 and 2nd January 2012. I am instructed that the breakdown of bed occupancy and admissions for the Children's Ward, Altnagelvin Area Hospital for 8th June 2001 was as follows: -

Friday 8th June 2001 – Children's Ward
23 Patients at 8 am
Split

4 Babies under 6 months in Infant Area

This area had 2 more admissions and 1 Discharge during the day.

Main Ward

19 Patients

2 Booked Admissions for elective surgical procedures

Note: - Plus 6 Emergency Admissions to this area

7 Discharges during the day

Please note Ward Split depended on nursing numbers into the following area – A-I, J-N, O-P or A-J, K-P.

I now enclose copies of the Children's Ward, Altnagelvin Area Hospital Treatment Book and Infant Unit Treatment Book for 8th June 2001, from which the aforementioned information was extracted, for your consideration. Please note that at the second page the name of the child entered at 2 thereof has been scored out. Likewise at page 5 the names of those children listed as I(3), J, O(2), P(5), P(7) and P(8) have all been scored out. This documentation contains patient sensitive information and

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should be treated accordingly with appropriate redactions being made prior to disclosure to any third party or any publication. You will note that we have already redacted patient names from the copies enclosed herewith. This documentation provides details of the number of patients being treated and their medical conditions and the identities and number of staff working on the relevant Ward on Friday 8th June, 2001.

I hope this information is sufficient for your purposes.

To require the Trust's administrative staff to obtain the figures for each Friday in 2001 in order to calculate an average bed occupancy would in my submission be an unreasonably onerous request, especially when the information so obtained would be of limited use in addressing the issue which the Inquiry has identified as being relevant in that the burden on nursing staff/surgical teams will not necessarily be directly related to the number of patients but is more likely to be directly related to the condition of the patients being treated on the Ward, the nature and extent of their illnesses and the clinical and nursing complexities arising from these illnesses. Does the Inquiry propose to obtain the Notes and Records relating to each patient present on the Ward on each Friday in 2001 and to have experts analyse these Notes and Records in order to make an independent assessment of the work burden on nursing staff/surgical teams on each said Friday? I presume not. If that is the case then to request the Trust to perform a very time consuming exercise relating to only one factor which may be potentially relevant that burden would, in my submission, be unreasonable having regard to the limited value of the information obtained by such an exercise.

Yours faithfully

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INFANT UNIT

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1914

FROM 2nd Year

NO	NAME	AGE	SEX	DISEASE
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A

B

C

Rachel Foxworth 9 Girl D. Mildly Inflamed Appendix

main
wt.

19. 8 ph @ 8am.

2 Booked Adm.

6 Genl Adm
during day.

8 dsc. (wd).

11

8th June. 6+1.4.

23 @ 8am.

2 booked.

8 Genl Adm.

9 Dsc.

Staff hki 14
Allocations

2001

June 2001

8 Friday

(159-206)

WE

G-H

0700

0730

0800

0830

0900

0930

1000

1030

1100

1130

1200

1230

1300

1330

1400

1430

1500

1530

1600

1630

1700

A-I

S/N Boulston
S/N M. Aulay

N/A O'Keefe

J-N

S/N Hill

S/N Kearney (Sick)

N/A Reilly

O-P

S/N Boyle S/N Mearns
S/N Robinson (Am)

Outgoing Appointments

Medicine

S/N Wilson

In charge

S. Mullar

not duties

M. A.

N/A M. Connolly

M. K.

J. Rager

S. M. Kenna

5 patients
A-I

January	February	March	Ap
1 22 29	M 5 12 19 26	M 5 12 19 26	M 2
2 23 30	T 6 13 20 27	T 6 13 20 27	T 3 1
3 24 31	W 7 14 21 28	W 7 14 21 28	W 4 1
4 25	T 1 8 15 22	T 1 8 15 22 29	T 5 1
5 26	F 2 9 16 23	F 2 9 16 23 30	F 6 1
6 27	S 3 10 17 24	S 3 10 17 24 31	S 7 1
7 28	S 4 11 18 25	S 4 11 18 25	S 1 8 1