

The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

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Dear Ms Crawford

Re Raychel Ferguson Clinical

I refer to the above.

I would be grateful if you would take specific instructions from your client, the former Altnagelvin HSS Trust, in answer to the following questions. To assist, these might be best answered by an employee of the Pharmacy Department:-

1. In June 2001 was hypertonic saline routinely stocked in Altnagelvin Hospital?
2. If hypertonic saline was routinely stocked, was it readily available on the paediatric ward?
3. If hypertonic saline was not readily available on the paediatric ward what procedures would have had to be followed to make it available to a clinician working on the paediatric ward in June 2001?
4. In June 2001 was Mannitol routinely stocked in Altnagelvin Hospital?
5. If Mannitol was routinely stocked, was it readily available on the paediatric ward?
6. If Mannitol was not readily available on the paediatric ward what procedures would have had to be followed to make it available to a clinician working on the paediatric ward in June 2001?
7. Was access to the internet routinely available to clinicians working in either the paediatric ward or the pharmacy department in June 2001?

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I am grateful for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. Dillon".

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