

# The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

Chairman: Mr John O'Hara QC

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Our Ref: AD-0507-13

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Dear Ms Bolton,

**Re Raychel Ferguson**

We note that following the initial call for documents Altnagelvin Hospital Trust provided the Inquiry with two redacted copies (see for example Ref: 022-006-027) of a medicolegal report prepared by Dr. Declan Warde (Consultant Paediatric Anaesthetist). Subsequently an unredacted copy of the same report was provided to the Inquiry.

We understand that the report was obtained from Dr. Warde at the direction of counsel who had advised that it was necessary for the Trust to protect its interests by instructing an independent Consultant Paediatric Anaesthetist to comment on the management of the case and the contents of Dr. Sumner's report.

We note that it Counsel anticipated that the Trust would submit the report of the Consultant Paediatric Anaesthetist to the Coroner and that permission would be sought for him to give evidence at the Inquest. We understand that ultimately the report was not submitted to the Coroner and that Dr. Warde did not give evidence.

We would ask you to take instructions from your client in order to clarify why it was decided not to disclose Dr. Warde's report to the Coroner ahead of Raychel's Inquest.

We would be grateful for your prompt response.

Yours sincerely



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