

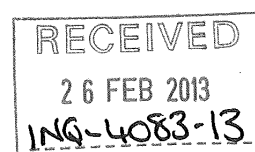
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Dear Madam

**RE: INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS - RAYCHEL
FERGUSON**

We refer to the above and to your letter dated 31st January 2013. We confirm we have received instructions from our client, the Western Trust in relation to question 5 of your letter.

Our client instructs that urine direct microscopy was available out of hours in 2001 from Altnagelvin Microbiology, provided that the request was made to the BMS on call. If the BMS on call was not made aware of the request it would not have been done before the next working day. The current Consultant Medical Micro-Biologist in Altnagelvin believes that if the request was made to the BMS on call the result would have been available to the ward staff within an hour of arrival in the laboratory.

We are also today sending you separate correspondence in response to the questions posed to Mr Gilliland.

Yours faithfully

John Johnston
Solicitor

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