

The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

Chairman: Mr John O'Hara QC

Mr Jonathan Johnston
Director of Legal Services
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Your Ref: NSCB04/1
NCSW50/1

Our Ref: AD-0537-13

Date: 1st March 2013

Dear Mr Johnston,

Re: Raychel Ferguson Clinical Theatre "Booking in book"

I refer to the above and to the evidence of Nurse McGrath regarding the operation of a "booking in" system in Altnagelvin Hospital at the time of Raychels' treatment and death in June 2001.

In your e-mail of 27th February 2013 sent at 12.55 you referred to your client's instructions that;

"the practice of formally recording the details of booking for a patient was not in place in June 2011 and that this was not commenced until late 2001, early 2002".

I understand that Ms Jackie McGrellis, Service Manager Anaesthetics, Theatre and Intensive Care Services, provided this information. I would be grateful if you would obtain the following information from Ms McGrellis:

1. The date she took up her post. If post 2001, please provide the name of her predecessor.
2. Details of the system operated prior to the use of a theatre log together with the documentary evidence of the application of this system regarding Raychel's surgery.

I ask your client to give the widest possible interpretation to Nurse McGrath's description of a "booking in book". It may be called something else and I ask that they bear this in mind when conducting their search for documents.

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You will be aware that the Chairman requested production of the theatre log. In the absence of that document, please provide those documents at 2 above to the Inquiry no later than 4pm on Monday 4th March 2013.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Dillon', written in a cursive style.

Anne Dillon
Solicitor to the Inquiry