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Ms A Dillon
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Dear Madam,

RE: INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS-RAYCHEL FERGUSON

I refer to the above matter and to your letter dated 1st March 2013. I am instructed to reply as follows: -

- 1) Ms McGrellis took up her post at the beginning of October 2001. There was no theatre manager prior to her appointment; the Clinical Services Manager was Mrs Joan Hutchinson. Theatre Sisters at that time were;
Sr M Nee – retired
Sr R Porter – left
Sr B Roddy – still in post
Sr Y Cooke – still in post
Sr M Rigney – retired
- 2) From 1st January 2002 a diary has been used and emergency patients are booked into it. There is no diary/book/log available prior to this. The process in place prior to this was that the theatre would have been contacted by doctor who would provide details of the emergency patient. This would have been written down and given to the theatre in which the procedure would take place. The list would then have been discarded after the theatre list was complete. The record of the emergency patient being in theatre would be documented in the theatre ledger.

Yours faithfully

p.p. DS
Joanna Bolton
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