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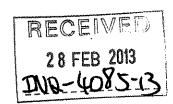
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Your Ref: BC-0184-13

Our Ref: HYPW50/1

Date: 28th February 2013

Ms A Dillon Solicitor to the Inquiry Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths Arthur House 41 Arthur Street Belfast BT1 4GB



Dear Madam

## RE: INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS- R FERGUSON

We refer to the above matter and to your letter dated 19th February 2013, reference as quoted above. We confirm having located the draft statement of Mr Zafar dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2002. The only copy which has been found is in the DLS Inquest file.

We claim Legal Professional Privilege in relation to the content of the DLS Inquest file but, in the spirit of attempting to assist the Inquiry and as this document would have originally been located in the Trust file, we are prepared to waive privilege in relation to the above-mentioned document, a copy of which our Mr Johnston can make available to you at Banbridge today.

We would also advise that Mr Zafar had been sent a copy of Dr Johnston's statement as it was clear from his draft statement that he had only dealt with the morning ward round and not with the events which occurred after 3.15am on 9th June 2001. It was felt that Mr Zafar should have the opportunity to comment upon (by agreeing or disagreeing with) the description of events as provided by Dr Johnston in his statement.

Yours faithfully

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Terese Brown(MRS) Risk Management Co-Ordinator Altnagelvin Hospital Londonderry Dr M H Zafar SHO General Surgery

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Dear Mrs Terese

Ref Rachel Ferguson DOB 4 Feb 1992

I saw Rachael Ferguson on 8 june 2001, who had Appendectomy operation on 7 june 2001.

On my ward round she was free of pain and apprexist, plane was to continuous observation.

LASE ZAFAR (DR