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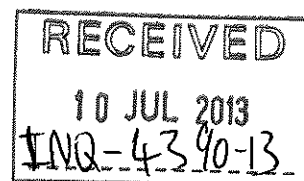
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10th July 2013

Ms Bernie Conlon
Solicitor to the Inquiry
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Dear Madam

RE: INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS – RAYCHEL FERGUSON

I refer to our letter of 21st June 2013 enclosing papers recently located within the Western Trust (Inquiry reference 316-085) and to the Chairman's recent directions regarding same. I am instructed as follows:-

- 1) The Trust confirms that it will arrange to have a typed transcript of the handwritten notes prepared and provided to the Inquiry as soon as possible.
- 2) Using the Inquiry reference allocated to each document I have indicated below whether the document is an original or copy:-

316-085-003 - Original
316-085-004 - Copy
316-085-005 - Original Blank fluid balance sheet with explanatory handwritten notes
316-085-006 - Original Blank fluid prescription sheet
316-085-007 - Original Blank fluid balance for IV with post it note
316-085-008 - Photocopy of back page of document 316-085-007
316-085-009 - Unsigned Original – Mrs Doherty copy
316-085-010 - Unsigned Original – Mrs Doherty copy
316-085-011 - Unsigned Original
316-085-012 - Unsigned Original
316-085-013 - Original
316-085-014 - Original
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316-085-017 - Original

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316-085-018 - Original Red Ink
316-085-019 - Original Red Ink
316-085-020 - Original Red Ink
316-085-021 - Original
316-085-022 - Photocopy
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316-085-025 - Photocopy
316-085-026 - Photocopy
316-085-027 - Photocopy

- 3) Sister Little was the ward sister on the paediatric ward. I am instructed that she does not recall who instructed her to make the notes (exhibited at reference 316-085-13 to 316-085-17 and 316-085-021) but she strongly believes it to have been Mrs Margaret Doherty.


Sister Little recalls being asked to inform staff of an upcoming meeting that they were required to attend and to gather details of the events. Sister Little cannot recall the exact date when she was asked to take these notes however she believes it may have been on the 10th or the 11th June 2001 as Sister Millar was off duty and she was in charge in her absence. She recalls speaking with S/N Noble but has no recollection of a conversation with S/N Patterson.

I am instructed that the individual nurses have no recollection of providing information to Sister Little regarding the matter. I am further advised that Mrs Doherty does not recall if she specifically asked Sister Little to obtain the information in advance of the critical incident meeting however it is possible that this was the case.

Mrs Doherty has confirmed she made the notes at 316-085-018 to 316-085-020 and these may have been made by her at the critical incident meeting. She has confirmed the handwritten notes on documents 316-085-004, 316-085-005 and 316-085-007 were made by her however she is unsure if the information contained in the documents was given to her at her request or whether these are notes which she made at the critical incident meeting.

It is not known how or to whom these documents may have been shared.

Yours sincerely


John Johnston
Solicitor