

## The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

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Dear Ms Crawford,

**RE: Raychel Ferguson Preliminary –**

I wrote to you on 10 July seeking certain documents, but, despite several reminders, I cannot trace any reply.

First, I sought disclosure of any notes, draft reports, or other working papers in the pathology department relating to the consent post-mortem performed on Lucy Crawford by Dr O'Hara on 14 April 2000.

Can you please forward without further delay **all documents held by the Department of Pathology** in relation to this post mortem, including all notes and other working papers. If there are no such documents please confirm that and state whether or not such documents ever existed, and if they did, what has become of them.

Secondly, I sought disclosure of any written consent for this post-mortem. The Inquiry notes that a consent in writing was obtained for the limited post-mortem in Claire Roberts' case (090-054-185) and would have expected that a similar document would exist in respect of Lucy Crawford. Please provide any such document to the Inquiry. If there is no such document please confirm whether it is your client's position that the post-mortem was carried out without written consent, or otherwise what has become of the document.

Yours sincerely,



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