

The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

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Dear Ms Crawford,

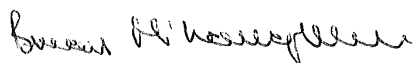
**RE: RAYCHEL FERGUSON (LUCY CRAWFORD) - ROYAL HOSPITAL
PATHOLOGY DEPARTMENT FILE**

Thank you for your letter of 10 January.

In relation to point 3, we do not agree with your contention that the laboratory results are not relevant. The Inquiry is investigating inter alia *"the steps that were taken and/or ought to have been taken following Lucy Crawford's death on 14th April 2000 in order to ascertain the causes of her death"* (paragraph 3.1 revised terms of reference). The results from the pathology department laboratory plainly form part of the steps taken following Lucy Crawford's death in order to ascertain the cause of her death. It is as relevant to see these results as it is to see the final post-mortem report which was presumably based at least in part on the laboratory results. In these circumstances we do not believe that the consent of the family is necessary.

We note that that there are other documents on the pathology department file which are replicated elsewhere in the Inquiry files. Notwithstanding that, the Inquiry wishes to see the entire pathology department file. We would be obliged if you would forward a copy of the entire file for the Inquiry's consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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