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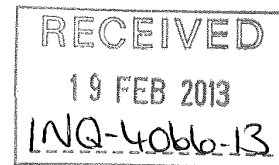
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Your Ref:  
BMcL-0047-13

Our Ref:  
HYP B02/01

Date:  
19th February 2013

Mr Brian McLoughlin  
Solicitor to the Inquiry  
Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths  
Arthur House  
41 Arthur Street  
Belfast  
BT1 4GB



Dear Sir

**RE: INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS - RAYCHEL  
FERGUSON (LUCY CRAWFORD)**

We refer to the above and to your letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

We enclose herewith as requested all of the documents contained within the pathology department file with the exception of the laboratory results. As previously advised these documents are replicated elsewhere in the Inquiry files.

We note that you say the results from the pathology department are relevant and you do not believe the consent of the family is necessary. It is not our intention to be obstructive in this matter. Our concern is based on the potential liability on the Trust arising from providing personal information and in so doing acting contrary to the wishes of the family. We would be obliged to receive evidence of the consent of the family, or if consent has been withheld, please confirm under precisely what authority the material is sought.

In your letter of 10<sup>th</sup> July 2012 you requested confirmation that Lucy's parents gave consent in writing for the autopsy to be performed and you requested a copy of the written consent. According to the clinical notes written consent was given by Lucy's parents (Inquiry reference 061-018-068). However, a copy of the consent form is not located within either the RBHSC casenotes or the Pathology department file and the Belfast Trust is unable to locate a copy.

*Providing Support to Health and Social Care*



Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Johnston', written in a cursive style.

John Johnston  
Solicitor