The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

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Our Ref: BMcL-0102-13

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Dear Ms Beggs,

Re: Raychel Ferguson (Lucy Crawford Aftermath)

Thank you for your letter of 19 February enclosing what is described as the pathology department file (in response to my letter of 14 January (BMcL-0047-13)). It appears that this file is incomplete in that (as an obvious example) it does not contain the autopsy request form, nor any working notes.

We would ask please that your clients check again to see if there are any other documents held in the pathology department relating to Lucy's case. We would have expected that the original autopsy request form would be held there and working notes in relation to the autopsy.

We note that the file does contain a large quantity of journal articles about hyponatraemia. Some of these have been copied and some appear to have been downloaded from computer databases. We would ask you to take your clients instructions on the following question about these documents. When, by whom, and for what purpose, were these articles copied/downloaded. (We note that some of the downloads bear the dates 03/02/03 and 04/02/03 in the lower right corner).

May I have a response by 24 May please?

Yours sincerely,

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