

The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

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Dear Ms Crawford,

Re: PRELIMINARY RAYCHEL FERGUSON

Further to my letter of 6 November seeking documents of the former Royal Group Trust, I would be grateful for a reply as soon as ever possible. If you have by now some, but not all, of the documents, can you please send what you have?

Arising from statements provided to the Inquiry in this matter we would be obliged for the following additional documentation of the former Royal Group Trust.

1. Dr Chisakuta has referred (Membership of Advisory Panels and Committees) to his membership, from January 2000, of the Critical Incident Review Group. We should be obliged for:

(a) all documents of the Royal Group Trust/RBHSC regarding the creation of this Group, its role, membership, and responsibilities; and

(b) the minutes of this Group for the year 2000 please. Any references to patients, or by which patients could be identified, should of course be redacted (other than references to the patients in which the Inquiry is interested).

2. Dr Crean in his statement (answer to question 1(a)) has referred to the PICU admissions book for 13 April 2000. Please provide a copy of the PICU admission book entry relating to Lucy's admission.

3. Dr Crean in his statement (answers to question 8(a) and (c)) refers to a document 006-061. I do not recognise this reference. The Inquiry would be obliged for a copy of the document referred to which appears to be, or to relate to, a request from the Coroner to Dr Crean to review Lucy's care.

4. Dr Caroline Stewart in her statement (answer to question 6(m)) refers to the "normal practice" for consent to a hospital PM. Please provide all documents containing guidance, policy, protocols, or procedures, pertaining to hospital post-mortems/autopsies, in existence in 2000.

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5. Dr Robert Taylor (in answer to question 7(c)) describes the purpose of the Sick Children Liaison Group as being to agree best practice guidelines for improving the stabilisation and transfer of children to the PICU. Please provide a copy of any such guidelines produced by the SCLG.

I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Brian McLoughlin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brian McLoughlin
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