

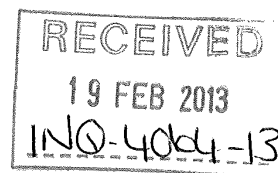
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Dear Sir

**RE: INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS- RAYCHEL
FERGUSON (PRELIMINARY) – OUR CLIENT: THE BELFAST TRUST**

I refer to the above matter and to your letter dated 8th January 2013 (reference BMcL-0043-13). My client responds, as follows:-

Point 3 – the Trust cannot locate a letter to Sperrin Lakeland in Lucy Crawford's RBHSC casenotes. It is the Trust's understanding that Sperrin Lakeland would have been aware of Lucy's death via a telephone conversation. However, this has not been documented in the RBHSC casenotes. You will note, however, that there is an entry contained in the Erne Hospital notes (at 027-010-025 dated 18/4/2000 and timed at 09:10) which would suggest that communication had indeed taken place.

Point 5 – The Trust cannot locate a copy of the policy TP5/00 "Death of a patient- Informing a GP".

Point 6– It is the Trust's understanding that the Risk Management Strategy already in the Inquiry's possession was applicable in 2000/2001.

Point 7 – Lucy Crawford's death was not reported under policy TP9/00.

Point 11 – The Trust is unable to confirm that the APLS guidelines were used in relation to fluid management in children, at the relevant time. There was no written policy, at this time.

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I await a response from my client in respect of question 10 of your letter dated 6th November, reference BMcL-0017-12. I shall revert to you further, as soon as I receive instructions.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Angela Crawford', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Angela Crawford
Solicitor