

# The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

Chairman: Mr John O'Hara QC

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Dear Ms Crawford,

**RE: Raychel Ferguson Preliminary – Documents of the Royal Trust/RBHSC**

Thank you for your letter of 3 January 2013.

You have enclosed a number of documents in relation to the clinical paediatric audit held on 10 August 2000: copy attendance sheet; copy minutes of the 10 August meeting; copy redacted audit list. We note that your instructions are that the Trust is unable to locate any other documents

Dr. Robert Taylor has indicated that prior to the audit meeting taking place the PICU/Audit secretary would have contacted the Consultant responsible for the child's care, and the Pathologist if a post-mortem had been performed, so as to agree a date for the presentation. The same secretary would have typed the minutes of the audit meeting and sent them to the Trust Clinical Audit Department.

We would ask you to obtain further instructions from your client and address the following questions:

1. Who was the PICU/Audit secretary in August 2000 who attended the audit meeting on the 10 August and who was responsible for typing the minutes?
2. Do records exist showing the steps taken to contact the responsible Consultant and Pathologist in order to agree a date for their presentation to the audit meeting? If so, please provide those documents.
3. If such documents do not exist, identify the Consultant and the Pathologist who were contacted by the secretary and asked to attend the audit meeting to make a presentation?
4. We note the names of Dr. Crean and Dr. O'Hara on the redacted audit list alongside Lucy's name. Is it the Trust's position that this document confirms that these doctors attended the audit and made a presentation in relation to Lucy's case?
5. In any event identify the doctors who attended the mortality section of the audit meeting to make a presentation in relation to Lucy's case.

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6. Has a search been made within the Trust's Clinical Audit Department for any other record relating to what was discussed in relation to Lucy at the audit meeting?
7. Is it the Trust's position that no other record was made of the discussions relating to Lucy which took place at the audit meeting on the 10 August, or is it their position that other records existed but cannot now be located?

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Brian McLoughlin', written in a cursive style.

Brian McLoughlin  
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