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Your Ref: BMcL-0038-12 Our Ref: HYPW50/2 Date: 21st February 2013

Mr B McLoughlin Assistant 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 (PRELIMINARY)

We refer to the above and to your letter dated 12th December 2012. We have received instructions to some of the matters raised in your letter and would reply as follows using the same numbering as in your letter:-

- 1. Answer to follow.
- 2. (a) (b) Dr Auterson has informed the Trust he does not recall receiving any advice from Dr Anderson to make comprehensive notes.
 - The Trust has received no response from Dr Malik.
 - Dr Anderson is no longer employed by the Trust and the Trust is endeavouring to make contact with him.
 - Dr O'Donohoe is separately represented. The Trust has not made contact with Dr O'Donohoe regarding this matter since his retirement. We would suggest this matter is referred to Dr O'Donohoe's legal representatives.
- 3. Dr Kelly has been contacted in relation to the RBHSC Fluid guidelines referred to in his witness statement WS-290/1. He has informed the Trust that he was informed by Esther Millar, Paediatric Services Manager, that the paediatric unit had a copy of the guidelines. The guidelines and related correspondence cannot be located by the Trust.
- 4. Dr Kelly is unaware of the existence of any note or record relating to the Medical Directors Meeting in June 2001. If a record existed at the time it cannot now be located.

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- 5. This matter will be dealt with in Mr Mills' supplementary statement.
- 6. The agenda to this meeting has been located and Mr Mills has been asked to clarify what is written on the back page.

Yours faithfully

John Johnston Solicitor

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