The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

Chairman: Mr John O'Hara QC

Ms Angela Crawford Directorate of Legal Services 2 Franklin Street BELFAST BT2 8DQ Your Ref: NSCB04/1 NSCW50/1 NSCS071/1

Our Ref: BMcL-0048-13

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Dear Ms Crawford,

RE: RAYCHEL FERGUSON PRELIMINARY

In a recent statement to the Inquiry (WS-306/1 page 7) Dr Ian Carson has said that he would have expected that clinicians in the RBHSC would have informed, inter alia, the office of the Associate Medical Director (Clinical Performance) in the Royal Hospitals Trust of Lucy Crawford's death.

Arising from this please obtain your client Trust's instructions and provide to the Inquiry the following information and documents:

- (1) Confirm that the Associate Medical Director (Clinical Performance) in the Royal Hospitals Trust at the time of Lucy's death was Dr Peter Walby, or if not, state who did hold the post at that time?
- (2) Was the office of the Associate Medical Director (Clinical Performance) in the Trust informed of the death or any of the circumstances of the death by clinicians in the RBHSC, and if so, when?
- (3) Please provide all documentation held by that office relating to the death of Lucy, in so far as not already provided.

Yours sincerely,

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