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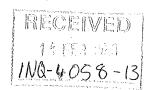
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Mr B McLoughlin Assistant Solicitor to the Inquiry Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths Arthur House 41 Arthur Street Belfast BT1 4GB



Dear Sir

## RE: INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS- RAYCHEL FERGUSON (PRELIMINARY)

I refer to the above matter and to your letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> January 2013, reference as quoted above, and I respond as follows (using the same numbering as adopted in your letter):-

- 1. Mr A P Walby held the post of Associate Medical Director (Clinical Performance) in the Royal Hospitals Trust at the time of Lucy Crawford's death.
- 2. The office of the Associate Medical Director (Clinical Performance) was the Trust Litigation Management Office and it was not informed of the death of Lucy Crawford by RBHSC clinicians, at the time of Lucy's death. The first occasion that the Office was made aware of the death was in 2003 by the Coroner's Office.

3. The Litigation Management Office has already provided the Inquiry with the Trust Inquest file relating to the death of Lucy Crawford along with the Trust Media File which contains papers which are relevant to Lucy Crawford's case.

Yours faithfully

Angela Crawford

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