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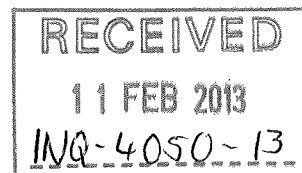
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Our Ref:
HYPW50/1

Date:
11th February 2013

Ms A Dillon
Solicitor to the Inquiry
Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths
Arthur House
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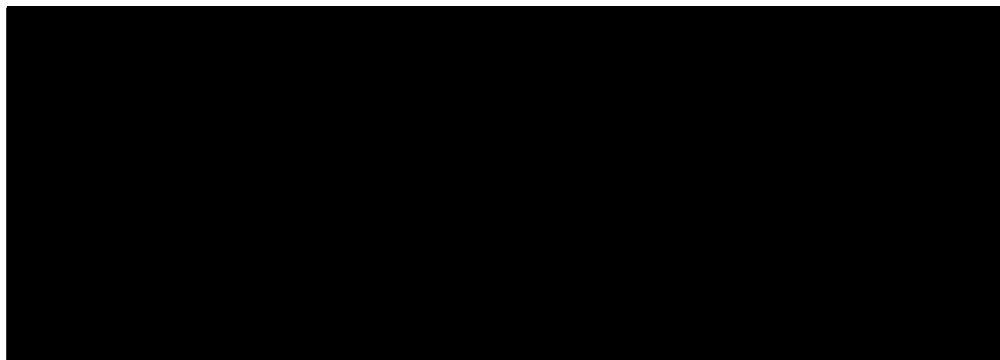
Dear Madam

**RE: INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS- RAYCHEL
FERGUSON (PRELIMINARY)– STATEMENT OF KEVIN DOHERTY WS-313-1**

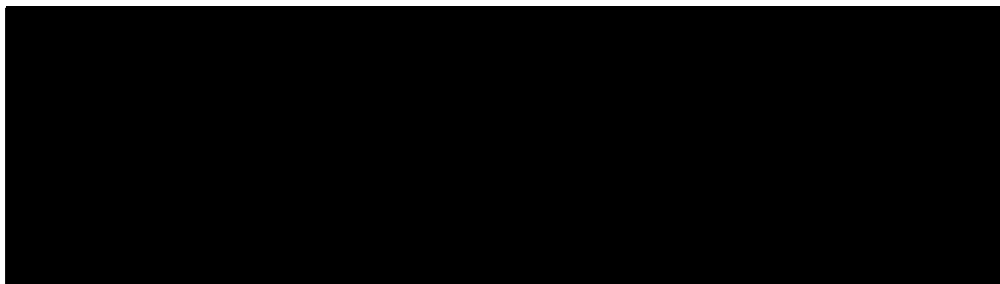
We refer to the above matter and to your email correspondence dated 1st
February 2013, addressed to our Ms Bolton.

We respond, using the same numbering contained in your email as follows:-

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For confidentiality purposes the following information has been redacted

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3. Our client, the Western Trust asserts its claim for Legal Advice Privilege in respect of the information requested in the below-mentioned questions in Mr Doherty's statement:-
- (a) Question 6 (a) – All notes and minutes of discussions and all other information (including the composition of the said Committee) pertaining to the Trust's Scrutiny Committee are legally privileged, as the sole purpose of the said Committee is the provision of legal advice by DLS to the Trust in relation to the conduct of the defence of medical negligence claims.
 - (b) Question 6 (d)- for the same reason as outlined above.
 - (c) Question 6 (e)- as above.
 - (d) Question 6 (f) – as above.
4. In relation to question 6 (b), we would assist you by confirming, from our own records, that the former Assistant Director of Legal Services at DLS (Ms Donna Scott) wrote to Mr Kevin Doherty on 12th October 2001 to advise that the Coroner's Office had confirmed that a Death Certificate had been issued on 14th April 2000 in respect of Lucy Crawford, and there would not be an Inquest.

Yours faithfully



Wendy Beggs
Assistant Chief Legal Adviser