

## The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

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Dear Ms Bolton,

**RE: RAYCHEL FERGUSON PRELIMINARY (LUCY CRAWFORD)**

Thank you for your letter of 19 February 2013 in response to my request for documents relating to the form Solution 18 in post operative children.

The Inquiry notes with surprise that your client *"cannot locate any documentation within its records relating to the decision or proposal made regarding any change in the use of Solution 18 prior to June 2001."*

Arising from this can you please take your client's instructions on the following matters.

1. Was there a proposal or decision, formal or informal, within the RBHSC at any level, to stop using Solution 18 in post operative children, or to change the circumstances in which it was used, whether at Local, Ward or Hospital level, prior to June 2001.

2. Please advise;

- (a) Why and precisely in what circumstances was the decision or proposal made?
- (b) When was the proposal or decision made?
- (c) What precisely was decided and in what circumstances did the decision apply?
- (d) Identify all of those involved in any way in arriving at the decision or proposal?
- (e) How was the decision or proposal communicated?
- (f) To whom was it communicated?

This matter is most urgent as it is relevant to witnesses who will be appearing at Raychel Ferguson Clinical oral hearings in the forthcoming days. I would seek your response therefore as soon as possible.

I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,



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