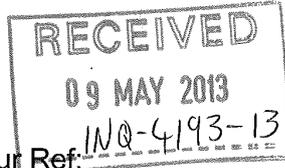


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Dear Sir

**RE: INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS-RAYCHEL FERGUSON
PRELIMINARY**

I refer to your letter of 22nd April 2013 in which you state that you find the Trust's response of 10th April 2013, to request BMcL-0056-13, unsatisfactory.

Firstly, I confirm the Trust instructs that the position as set out in my letter of 10th April 2013 and stated as being "prior to 2001" should read "prior to June 2001". I trust that this clarifies matters and that you will be good enough to accept my apologies for this error.

Secondly, you state that you find the Trust's response unsatisfactory as it is "*limited to two units of the Trust, the RBHSC directorate office and the Pharmacy*". You have further indicated that the "*question is posed to your client the Belfast Trust*" and we should "*respond fully on behalf of the Belfast Trust*".

We are unsure as to why you find this response unsatisfactory. Your letter BMcL-0056-13 specifically requests information relating to the "*RBHSC at any level*" and not the entire Belfast Trust. Please note that the RBHSC [Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children] directorate includes all levels of the RBHSC. Furthermore even though your request is limited to the RBHSC the Belfast Trust also sought information from the Pharmacy Department to clarify whether any relevant information might have been held by it.

The Belfast Trust therefore believes that it has responded in full to the request contained within your letter BMcL-0056-13. However, to avoid further confusion the Belfast Trust confirms that it cannot locate any information regarding whether there was a proposal or decision, formal or informal, within the RBHSC at any level, to stop using Solution 18 in post-

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operative children, or to change the circumstances in which it was used, whether at local Ward, or Hospital level, prior to June 2001.

I trust that this clarifies matters. However should you wish to discuss this matter further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Bolton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Joanna Bolton
Solicitor Consultant