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24th May 2013.

Mr B McLoughlin
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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 your letter dated 11th March 2013 (referenced above) and to Ms Crawford's response to same. I reply using the original numbering from your letter of 11th March 2013: -

- 3. I note that you have requested a copy of the PICU database entries which relate to Lucy Crawford. I am instructed that this was an internal data base, which is no longer in use. The PICU database was not used as part of the coding process. The entries which relate to Lucy Crawford contain medical and personal information and further data which is in code. The Trust is endeavouring to establish the nature of the coded information at present. However at this stage the Trust is of the view that, in light of the content of this document, the family's consent is required prior to it being released to you.
- 4. I am instructed that the PICU coding form, to which you refer, would have been used in conjunction with discharge proformas and at times cases notes by the coder responsible for entering data onto the PAS system.

Yours faithfully,

Joanna Bolton Solicitor Consultant

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