

The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

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Dear Ms Beggs,

Re: Raychel Ferguson (Lucy Crawford Aftermath)

My telephone conversation with Joanne Bolton this morning refers.

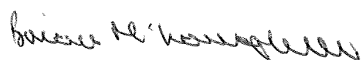
Thank you for your letter of 24 May in response to points 3 and 4 of mine of 11 March 2013 (BMcL-0059-13).

I note that there is information on the PICU database relating to Lucy and that some of this is medical information, some of it is personal information some of it is coded, and efforts are being made to decipher the code. I also note your assertion that the family's consent is required before you release this document to us. You are aware that the Inquiry has written to the family of Lucy on a number of occasions, and they have not responded in any way, either positively or negatively, to the Inquiry's correspondence.

The content of the information held on the PICU database is inter alia relevant to issues which the Inquiry wishes to explore with Dr Taylor in his oral evidence tomorrow. Dr Taylor has told the Inquiry that the PICU database was used for clinical audit and that information from the database was used to prepare a draft power point presentation showing the incidence of hyponatraemia among children admitted to PICU 1991-2001. The database content in respect of Lucy is therefore very relevant to the Inquiry's revised terms of reference as interpreted by the Chairman, and is relevant to matters to be considered in oral evidence tomorrow.

Please ensure that the information from the PICU database is available in the Chamber tomorrow, so that this matter can be further considered.

Yours sincerely,



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