

The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

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Dear Ms Beggs,

Re Raychel Ferguson Preliminary

Thank you for your responses to date to requests for documents and information of the former Sperrin Lakeland Trust.

I cannot, however, trace any reply to the following requests; my letter of 30 January 2013 (BMcL-0053-13) and Mrs Dillon's letter of 18 February (AD-0528-13). The latter sought a response by 25 February. The documents sought in both of these letters are now most urgently required by the Inquiry and I must ask for your response to both by return please. If you have already responded but your response has not yet reached us, we thank you for your attention to these matters.

In addition please provide the following further information/documents.

1. Joanna Bolton's letter of 16/4/12 provided an extract of the Western Health and Social Care Trust's "Clinical Coding Policy" which applied to Altnagelvin and Erne Hospitals, and advised that the WHSCT would not have been involved in relation to the coding or indeed any coding changes in relation to inter alia the death of Lucy Crawford. Can you please clarify whether Lucy's treatment at the Erne Hospital on 12/13 April 2000 was coded by the Erne Hospital or Sperrin Lakeland Trust and if so provide a copy of the coding applied to her case, together with any coding form or other documentation on which the coding was based. Please also confirm whether the coding was changed following the inquest in 2004. Please also provide a copy of the full coding policy document and any version of such document applicable within the Erne Hospital/Sperrin Lakeland Trust in April 2000.
2. At point 10 of my letter of 6 November 2012 (BMcL-0018-12) I asked for documentation regarding any change in the use of Solution 18 in Tyrone County Hospital prior to June 2001 (as was understood by Dr Nesbitt to have occurred). In Mr Johnston's response to this question (29 January 2013), it is stated that no document in relation to this matter can be found, but if any information forthcoming it will be forwarded. Please confirm the up to date position. Please also take instructions on the following questions from your client and advise the Inquiry of your client's position. Was there a change in the use or prescription of

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Solution 18 in the Tyrone County Hospital before June 2001? If so, please advise:

- (a) Why and precisely in what circumstances was the change made?
- (b) When was the change made?
- (c) What was the change and in what circumstances did it apply?
- (d) Please identify all those involved in any way in deciding to make the change?
- (e) How was the change communicated?
- (f) To whom was it communicated?

You will appreciate that in the light of Dr Nesbitt's evidence to date this matter will be an issue in the oral hearings.

3. In my letter of 14 November I asked for all records of Dr O'Donohoe's meeting with Lucy's parents in May 2000 and any other meeting with Lucy's parents following her death. Ms Bolton's response of 21/2/13 indicated that the Trust's files were being urgently reviewed and she would revert in due course. Please now advise the outcome of the file review and provide any relevant documents.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



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