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14th May 2013

Mr Brian McLoughlin
Assistant Solicitor to the Inquiry
Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths
Arthur House
41 Arthur Street
Belfast
BT1 4GB



Dear Mr McLoughlin

RE: INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS - RAYCHEL FERGUSON (LUCY CRAWFORD)

I refer to the above matter and to your letter dated 21st March 2013 (reference as quoted above).

Using the same numbering as in your letter I confirm our client's instructions are as follows:

1. Lucy's treatment was coded by the Erne Hospital. A copy of the In-patient Clinical Coding form is attached. The code applied was B34.9 which related to 'Viral Infection'. The coding was not changed following the Inquest in 2004.

By letter dated 16th April 2012 we provided a document described as an extract of the Western Health and Social Care Trust "Clinical Coding Policy". We are instructed by our client that the document provided is in fact a draft policy and a final Clinical Coding policy has not been ratified by the Trust. The document does not therefore apply to Altnagelvin and Erne Hospitals. The Trust does not believe a written coding policy was in place in 2000 or 2001 in Altnagelvin or Erne Hospitals/Sperrin Lakeland Trust.

2. No documentation regarding any change in the use of Solution 18 in Tyrone County Hospital prior to June 2001 has been located. The Trust has been unable to ascertain the rationale for any change in the use of Solution 18 in Tyrone County Hospital and is unable to provide answers to questions 2(a) – (f).

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3. The Trust has not located any additional documentation in connection with meetings with Lucy's parents.

Yours sincerely

John Johnston Solicitor

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Inpatient Clinical Coding
  Diagnosis
++ CRAWFORD, LUCY
positi (4) 04) 600.
                    Death 14/04/2000Casenote OFM98M0475A ++
       Cons Spec Hosp Ward End Date
on 12/04/00 19:43 To JOD PAED ERN ERN3
                                 Disposal
                                   13/04/00
Command : REVISE Delivery Episode ? : NO
                                  ROYAL BELFAST HOSP S
                                  Episode Number 1
Primary: 834.9 Viral Infection, unspecified
Secon 1 :
   2:
    3 :
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Inpatient Clinical Coding
     Procedures
 ++ CRAWFORD, LUCY
                               Death 14/04/2000Casenote OFM98M0475A ++
Diag B34.9 Viral infection, unspecified
                                       Prev preg L/S/A :
 Doctor Perf. OP :
                                               Date :
| Dr. Adm. Anaes. :
| Secondary
 Secondary 1 : Doctor Perf. OP 1 :
                                               Date 1 :
 Dr. Adm. Anaes. 1 :
| Secondary
Doctor Perf. OP 2 : Dr. Adm. Anaes. 2 :
                                               Date 2 :
Research 1
                         Research 2
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