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18th April 2013

Mr B McLoughlin Assistant Solicitor to the Inquiry Arthur House 41 Arthur Street Belfast BT1 4GB



Dear Sir

RE: INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS-RAYCHEL FERGUSON PREMINLINARY

I refer to your letter of 27th March 2013 requesting minutes of a meeting of the Northern Ireland Paediatric Anaesthesia Group which took place on 5th June 2002.

Please note that page 9 of Dr McKaigue's statement W302/1 refers to a "meeting one evening in Musgrave Park Hospital.....at which the Case of Raychel Ferguson was discussed". Dr McKaigue attached the following to his statement which is one document: -

- Letter dated 22nd April 2002 (1 page)
 Minutes of meeting 26th November 2001(1 page)

I now enclose further copies of those documents for your attention. You will note that the letter dated 22^{nd} April 2002 refers to the forthcoming meeting on 5^{th} June 2002 at which Sr Linda Surgenor will speak on "Organisation of Day Care Services in RBHSC". The meeting on the 5th June 2002 is to take place in the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children.

The letter of 22nd April 2002 also encloses the minutes of the previous meeting which took place on 26th November 2001 at Musgrave Park Hospital. The said minutes state that "A case of hyponatraemic encephalopathy in a child following surgery was discussed".

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Dr McKaigue has confirmed that he was referring to the meeting of 26th November 2001 in his aforementioned statement.

I trust that this clarifies matters.

Yours faithfully

Joanna Bolton Solicitor Consultant



THE ROYAL BELFAST HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN

22 April 2002

Dear Colleague

The next meeting of the Northern Ireland Anaesthetic Group will be held on Wednesday 5 June 2002 (6.30pm for 7.00pm, tea, coffee and sandwiches provided) in:

A & E Seminar Room Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children

I have enclosed the minutes of the last meeting. I have invited Sr Linda Surgenor to speak briefly on "Organisation of Day Care Services in RBHSC". It would be useful if each of us could present something about the organisation of our own day care services so that we can share best practices. If you have any other issues that you would like discussed please let me know.

I would be most grateful if you could confirm your attendance with Secretary PICU, RBHSC ext. Soor 028 If you are unable to attend, could you please send a deputy.

Yours sincerely

DR P M CREAN

CONSULTANT PAEDIATRIC ANAESTHETIST

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A meeting of the Paediatric Anaesthetic Group in Northern Ireland was held in Musgrave Park Hospital on Monday 26 November 2001

IN ATTENDANCE

Dr Dimascio Altnagelvin Area Hospital
Dr Lowry Craigavon Area Hospital

Dr McKaigue Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children

Dr Renfrew Ulster Hospital

Dr Crean Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children

Dr Wilson Musgrave Park Hospital
Dr Allen Musgrave Park Hospital
Dr Hurwitz Belfast City Hospital
Dr Turner Musgrave Park Hospital

APOLOGIES

Dr Carlise Daisy Hill Hospital
Dr Kelly Tyrone County Hospital
Dr Ferguson Antrim Area Hospital
Dr Prasad Antrim Area Hospital

ITEMS DISCUSSED AT MEETING

A case of hyponatraemic encephalopathy in a child following surgery was discussed. This led on to a wider discussion of preventing hyponatraemia in children receiving intravenous fluids.

The final draft document being prepared by the Department of Health in Northern Ireland 'Prevention of Hyponatraemia in Children Receiving Intravenous Fluids', was presented and discussed.

Thanks were given to Dr Callum Wilson for hosting the meeting at Musgrave Park Hospital. The next meeting will take place in Spring 2002 at the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children.