

The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

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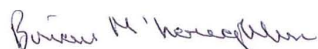
Dear Ms Beggs,

Re Raychel Ferguson Preliminary

Thank you for your letter of 25 February 2013 enclosing document outlining Investigation of Incidents Procedure for the Acute Hospital Directorate. Arising from this document and your letter please answer the following;

1. We note you say that this document dates from 1998. The document itself is undated. Please explain the basis upon which you say that the document dates from 1998 and disclose any additional documentation which shows that this document dates from 1998.
2. This document clearly forms part of a documented process of risk assessment and investigation of incidents which, if it dates from 1998, would have applied in the case of Lucy Crawford. Please provide all documentation relating to that process.
3. The process described in the document requires the investigator to record findings on the Datix-web or on an A4 Investigation proforma. Please confirm the following;
 - a) Was the investigation of Lucy Crawford's treatment at the Erne Hospital, or the findings of that investigation, recorded on the Datixweb or on an A4 Investigation Proforma? If so please provide a copy of the relevant record.
 - b) The document refers to rating incidents as Red/High, Mod/Low/V.Low. Please provide any guidance as to how these ratings were to be applied.
 - c) Please state how Lucy Crawford's treatment was rated and provide any supporting documentation.
 - d) If Lucy's treatment was investigated under this procedure please provide all documentation relating to that investigation.

Yours sincerely,



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