

The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

Chairman: Mr John O'Hara QC

Ms Wendy Beggs
Director of Legal Services
2 Franklin Street
BELFAST
BT2 8DQ

Your Ref: NSCB04/1
NCSW50/1

Our Ref: AD-0552-13

Date: 8th April 2013

Dear Ms Beggs,

Re ROYAL PATHOLOGY LABORATORY DOCUMENTS

I refer to previous correspondence concerning this matter ending with your letter of 19 February 2013, in which you expressed concerns "arising from providing personal information to the Inquiry and in doing so acting contrary to the wishes of the Crawford family". In relation to those concerns, I make the following points:

Firstly the Chairman, after consultation with all interested parties, and taking account of the views of those who responded, decided in 2010 that under his interpretation of the revised terms of reference there will be an investigation into the events which followed Lucy's death, such as the failure to identify the correct cause of death, and whether more could have been learned from Lucy's death, because those events arguably contributed to the death of Raychel Ferguson in Altnagelvin. That decision was communicated to all parties including Mr and Mrs Crawford, in February 2010, and has been followed, without challenge by any party, since then. The papers from the Royal's Pathology Department are clearly relevant to the investigation of what happened after Lucy's death and the failure to identify the correct cause of death.

Given that the documents sought are integral to an investigation within the Inquiry's revised Terms of Reference we are somewhat surprised at the line which you have taken in relation to them, particularly since you have produced other documents relating to Lucy's treatment, diagnosis and death without objection. By way of example you have provided the clinical coding form and PAS Coding sent with your letters of 15 November 2012 and 26 March 2012 respectively and witnesses employed by your client have in the course of their witness statements answered questions about their parts in investigating the cause of Lucy's death without objection.

The Chairman is mindful of the Minister's decision to remove Lucy's name from the Inquiry's Terms of Reference. The Chairman has been and will at all times be sensitive to the privacy of the Crawford family to the greatest degree possible consistent with his decision. Mr and Mrs Crawford have been written to on a number of occasions to keep them informed of relevant developments. They have not responded in any way, either positively or negatively, to the Inquiry's correspondence.

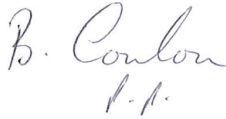
Secretary: Bernie Conlon

Arthur House, 41 Arthur Street, Belfast, BT1 4GB

Email: inquiry@ihrdni.org **Website:** www.ihrdni.org **Tel:** 028 9044 6340 **Fax:** 028 9044 6341

I enclose for your attention a statutory Notice requiring production of documents for the attention of the Belfast Trust. I await hearing from you within the time specified.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'A. Dillon', with a small flourish underneath.

Anne Dillon
Solicitor to the Inquiry
Enc

The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

Chairman: Mr John O'Hara QC

NOTICE TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1972.

SECTION 23 OF, AND SCHEDULE A1 TO, THE INTERPRETATION ACT
(NORTHERN IRELAND) 1954


To: The Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

TAKE NOTICE that the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust is required, pursuant to paragraph 4 (1) of Schedule AI to the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 to provide to the Inquiry within five days of the date of this notice the following documents;

Laboratory results from the Royal Hospital Pathology laboratory dated April 2000, relating to the late Lucy Crawford.

Dated this eighth day of April 2013

Signed



JOHN O'HARA

Secretary: Bernie Conlon

Arthur House, 41 Arthur Street, Belfast, BT1 4GB

Email: inquiry@ihrdni.org Website: www.ihrdni.org Tel: 028 9044 6340 Fax: 028 9044 6341