

The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

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Our Ref: AD-0576-13

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Dear Ms Beggs,

Re: Raychel Ferguson (Lucy Crawford Aftermath)

I refer to the above.

I would be grateful if you would address the following matter with your clients. The RBHSC PICU notes for Lucy show the following for 0900 on the 13 April 2000:

"Contacted by anaesthetist in Erne Hospital. Repeat U&E Na 127, K 2.7, renal function normal, signed L McLoughlin (SHO)." (061-018-060)

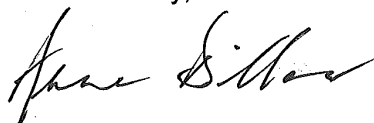
In a statement prepared by Dr. Auterson (Anaesthetist) he acknowledges making contact with RBHSC PICU at 0830 on the 13 April 2000 when he was informed that Lucy had arrived safely (033-102-318 & 319). He does not mention communicating Lucy's repeat U&E results when he contacted the RBHSC.

In the circumstances it would be helpful if you could take instructions from Dr. Auterson and/or the Western Trust in order to clarify whether Dr. Auterson was the anaesthetist who communicated Lucy's repeat U&E results to the RBHSC PICU, as described in the PICU note.

If Dr. Auterson did not carry out this task please identify the anaesthetist who did.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



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