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Your Ref: NSCB04/1
NSCW50/1
NSCS071/1

Our Ref: BC-0211-13

Date: 15th August 2013

Dear Ms Beggs,

Re: Raychel Ferguson Governance

I refer to my letter, BC-0207-13 of 1st August 2013, seeking minutes of the meetings of local Directors of Nursing, and your response of 15th August 2013 advising of your instructions that neither the Trust nor the Board have been able to locate the documentation requested.

Mr. Bradley was the Chief Nursing Officer, WHSSB and subsequently Director of Health Care and Chief Nurse, WHSSB. His evidence to the Inquiry is clear and categorical: *"In 2000 I would have raised the following issues with the local Directors of Nursing ..."* and *"I would have also raised these issues with fellow other Area Board Chief Nurses at our regular meetings"* (Ref: WS-307/1, p.11).

I am directed by Senior Counsel to the Inquiry to ask that you:

1. Provide by return the documentation relating to the issues identified by Mr. Bradley being discussed in 2000 with local Directors of Nurses

2. The relevant minutes of the regular meetings of Area Board Chief Nurses in 2000 at which those issues were raised and/or discussed

3. Identify the person(s) who carried out the search for both the Trust and the Board that was unable to locate the documentation and state when and where the search or searches were carried out

I am also directed by Senior Counsel to notify you that depending on the response received, the person(s) at the Trust and Board with responsibility for responding to our request will be asked to give evidence of the circumstances in which none of the documentation referred to by Mr. Bradley can now be located.

Yours sincerely,

B. Conlon

Bernie Conlon
Secretary to the Inquiry