## The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

Chairman: Mr John O'Hara QC

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Dear Mr Butler,

INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS --LUCY CRAWFORD (DECEASED) - DATE OF DEATH 14 APRIL 2000

The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia Related Deaths is a statutory Public Inquiry established under Article 54 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order. The Chairman, John O'Hara QC has statutory powers to require persons to give evidence and to produce documents relevant to the matters under investigation.

The Inquiry is investigating, inter alia, the failure to identify correctly the cause of death of the above named child who died in the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children on 14 April 2000. The Inquiry is aware that a Medical Certificate of Cause of Death (MCCD) was completed in respect of this death on 4 May 2000, and the Inquiry understands that such certificate would be retained in the General Register.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to forward a copy of the MCCD in this case, including a copy of the reverse side of the MCCD which, the Inquiry understands, contains a panel A for completion if further information eg as a result of a post mortem is awaited.

I should be obliged to hear from you as soon as possible and at latest by 7 February 2013.

Yours sincerely,

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