The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

Chairman: Mr John O'Hara QC

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Our Ref: AD-0646-13

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Dear Ms Bolton,

Re Departmental & Additional Governance Segment

I refer to the above and to your letter of 6th September, enclosing the Belfast Trust's position paper.

The following issues have not been addressed, namely;

5a "Why and in what way have reports of children's deaths to the Coronial Service changed since Claire's death in 1996 and Lucy's death in 2001[sic]?"

14a "How does the Trust become aware of issues arising from the treatment of children in other hospitals in Northern Ireland and elsewhere in the UK, which are relevant to practice in the RBHSC?"

14b "Is there a system for it to become aware?"

I would be grateful if the responses to these issues were provided before the end of this week.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Dillon

Solicitor to the Inquiry