The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths

Chairman: Mr John O'Hara QC

Mr Alphy Maginness Director of Legal Services 2 Franklin Street BELFAST BT2 8DQ Your Ref:

Our Ref: JOH-0459-17

Date: 15th November 2017

Dear Mr Maginness,

Re: REGIONAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE BOARD - WHISTLEBLOWING CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you for your letter of 3rd November updating me on the Board's investigation in connection with the 'the whistleblowing correspondence'. Whilst I understand the difficulties facing the Board in completing their investigation I am not prepared to delay the circulation of the relevant correspondence indefinitely.

The completion of my report is imminent. It will be ready to send to the printers in early December. If there is any question of that step being delayed as a result of this issue I will have to make that fact public.

I would be grateful if you would draw this to the attention of the Board.

Yours sincerely,

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JOHN O'HARA