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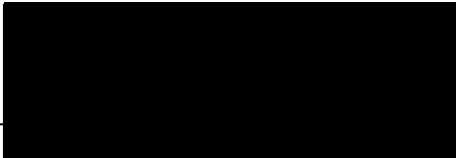
Dear Dame Hine

I am writing in relation to the publication of the Public Inquiry into the outbreak of Clostridium Difficile in Northern Trust hospitals, Northern Ireland.

In relation to Paragraph 5.8.1 on page 35, it is stated that all deaths and their causes should be notified to the Medical Director as soon as they happened and that this policy has continued since the outbreak was declared over. During my evidence to the Inquiry Team, I had stated that my office should be notified by medical staff of any death in which Clostridium Difficile appeared on the death certificate. This direction only applied to deaths associated with Clostridium Difficile and did not include any other causes of deaths.

I feel that it is important that I bring this factual inaccuracy to your attention.

Yours sincerely



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