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To whom it may concern,

**Re: Alice Lawson DoB: 09/04/1991 UMRN: T6744242 NHS Number: 4443644377
Wick Court Cottage, Priding, Saul, Gloucester, GL2 7LG Died 25/06/2013**

On behalf of the Bristol Heart Institute I would like to confirm that we are working in collaboration with Youth at Heart. They are seeking to fund a pilot project to employ a Youth Worker in the South West supporting young people born with complex congenital heart disease. Approximately one in every one hundred babies is born with a heart condition and for some this can be extremely serious.

For these young people normality and life managing can be a tall order when trying to live with, and make sense of, an all-consuming illness. Many are life limited or terminally ill - this is challenging for them and also for their families. Alice Lawson who was also born with a complex cardiac condition was one of our patients. We know that Youth at Heart represents a realisation of her dream to help fellow sufferers in life. In life we admired her courage and determination and feel that this project represents a fitting legacy which will enable and empower others in a similar position.

Alice lived life to the full and wanted to ensure that others in her position had the opportunity to do the same.

We are delighted by this initiative and would really appreciate any support that you would be able to give for any fundraising events and grants.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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