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Dear Alison,

Apologies for the slight delay in replying to you, but many thanks for your email and the update in relation to the police investigation. It is very useful to know that the investigation has progressed as you've described.

I'm sorry to hear of your concern about the manner in which you became aware of the NMC's decision to undertake an early review of student placements. I wasn't previously aware of that decision, and can only apologise on behalf of the NMC that you weren't notified directly. If you are happy for me to look into that for you I can raise your concern with colleagues in the NMC's education and standards directorate?

Kind regards,

Kristian

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To: Kristian Garsed
Subject: Countess of Chester Neonatal Investigation update
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Dear Kristian,

I hope you are well.

I just wanted you to be aware that the Countess neonatal unit police investigation is now progressing to its next stage. By this, I mean that the Police will be inviting a significant number of staff to be interviewed (including the registrant LL). This will obviously put the spotlight again back on the unit (with potential media interest) and I just wanted you to be made aware of this. Significant staff support is in place whilst staff go through this process, recognising the need to keep the neonatal unit operating safely.

The NMC have requested an, earlier than usual, review of student placements, via University of Chester which we will obviously support, I was however, a little disappointed that this was only communicated to me via the university. As you can imagine, in light of the sensitivities, we are trying to manage this as tightly as possible.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me

Regards, Alison



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