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Mr T Chambers  
Chief Executive  
Countess of Chester NHS Foundation Trust  
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Dear Tony,

We would like to thank you, and your senior Executive colleagues, for meeting us on 26/01/17 to discuss some very difficult issues regarding our neonatal service. We agree that it is appropriate for us to send a letter of apology to Lucy Letby. Although it was made clear that the Trust Board has drawn a line under this issue, we would be grateful for written clarification on:

- The Board's understanding of the reason for the increased number of unexpected and unexplained deaths on the neonatal unit between June 2015 and July 2016.
- The actions that you and the Board now expect us Paediatricians to take.

Also, each of us would appreciate the opportunity to read the RCPCH invited review report and the report of the case note review undertaken by the external Neonatologist prior to these reports being released publically. Obviously, these reports are extremely sensitive and so we assure you that they will not be disclosed outside our consultant Paediatrician group.

Thank you in anticipation of your help in assisting us to restore confidence in our neonatal service.

Yours sincerely,

Dr John Gibbs

Dr Ravi Jayaram

**Doctor V**

Dr Steve Brearey

Dr Murthy Saladi

**Doctor ZA**

Dr Susie Holt