

EXTRA-ORDINARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS (PRIVATE)
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY,
13TH APRIL 2017 at 9.30AM**
BOARDROOM
SPC/CER FINAL

		Attendance	
Chairman	Sir D Nichol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Non Executive Director	Mr A Higgins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Non Executive Director	Mr J Wilkie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Non Executive Director	Mr E Oliver	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Non Executive Director	Mrs R Hopwood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Non Executive Director	Ms R Fallon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Chief Executive	Mr T Chambers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Medical Director	Mr I Harvey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Interim Chief Finance Officer	Mr S Holden		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Director of Nursing & Quality	Mrs A Kelly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Director of People and Organisational Development	Mrs S Hodkinson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Director of Corporate & Legal Services	Mr S P Cross	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Director of Operations	Ms L Burnett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

In attendance:

Mrs C Raggett – Secretary to the Board
 Mr S Medland, Q.C. Exchange Chambers

FORMAL BUSINESS
1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr Holden.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. TO CONSIDER THE CURRENT POSITION WITH REGARD TO THE NEONATAL UNIT

Sir Duncan outlined the starting point where all the Board have been informed at each significant stage and they all know the steps taken and the further important

Mrs Hopwood asked if there was a plan to communicate this to the families. Mr Chambers replied that the Trust has written to the families advising them this is what we know in an open and transparent way.

Mrs Hopwood stated that there is a need to have some pre-emptive lines for the families. Mr Chambers said that there are the families, the nurse and The Telegraph and it may be easiest to phone the police, given all the potentials for an unmanaged grenade. To take forward the recommendations so far we will need to meet again next week. We have been trying to manage this and it may get away from us. Mrs Hopwood replied that she felt it had got away from us.

Mr Wilkie asked about the confidentiality of the CDOP. Mr Chambers replied that it would be shared with the Chair of CDOP and added that all the members of CDOP have received a copy of the Royal College report.

Mrs Hopwood asked if the report had been shared with the families. Mr Chambers confirmed it had and that the report was available on the Trust's website.

Mr Harvey stated that he had met with one of the sets of parents and their concern was that we will turn their world on its head and that they would start grieving all over again. They are very angry with the Solicitor that leaked the report to the Times. The Trust has endeavoured to keep the families up to date. The parents have given some useful feedback and there are things to be learned especially from the early days. We do need to be careful when approaching the parents.

Sir Duncan stated that there is a need to have a plan in place when approaching the parents.

Sir Duncan asked if everyone was comfortable that the Trust explores with Dr Hawden to take the forensic review forward. Everyone confirmed that they were content with this approach.

Mrs Hopwood asked would it be 4 or 8 cases. Mr Medland replied that it states class 2 cases. Sir Duncan added that it would not be limited as it is not yet known what the forensic review means. We will sit down with the consultants and discuss what to do about following up the recommendations. It may mean that we cannot satisfy everyone short of saying go to the police now but maybe able to satisfy the right leader however they may still come back and say they want to go to the police in any event.

Mrs Hopwood asked what if the consultants after the forensic review still want to go to the police. Mr Chambers replied that we would have a discussion with the consultants.

Mr Cross reported that an inquest into one of the babies involved in the review