# Countess of Chester Hospital

**NHS Foundation Trust** 

## **EXTRA-ORDINARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS (PRIVATE)**

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, <u>14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2016 at 12.30PM</u> <u>BOARDROOM</u> <u>SPC/CER FINAL VERSION</u>

|   |                 | Attendance |   |
|---|-----------------|------------|---|
| Chairman  | Sir D Nichol    | V          |   |
| Non Executive Director                            | Mr A Higgins    |            | × |
| Non Executive Director                            | Mr J Wilkie     | V          |   |
| Non Executive Director                            | Mr E Oliver     |            | × |
| Non Executive Director                            | Mrs R Hopwood   | N          |   |
| Non Executive Director                            | Ms R Fallon     | N          |   |
| Chief Executive                                   | Mr T Chambers   | V          |   |
| Medical Director                                  | Mr I Harvey     | V          |   |
| Interim Chief Finance Officer                     | Mr S Holden     | Ø          |   |
| Director of Nursing & Quality                     | Mrs A Kelly     | V          |   |
| Director of People and Organisational Development | Mrs S Hodkinson |            | × |
| Director of Corporate & Legal Services            | Mr S P Cross    | N          |   |
| Director of Operations                            | Ms L Burnett    | V          |   |

#### In attendance:

Mrs C Raggett – Secretary to the Board Dr Steve Brearey, Consultant Dr Ravi Jayaram, Consultant

### FORMAL BUSINESS

# 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs Hodkinson, Mr Higgins and Mr Oliver.

#### 2. To review and consider the position with regard to the Neonatal Unit

Mr Chambers reported that the Trust has noticed a change in mortality rates in the neonatal unit. This rise could not be explained and following on from concerns raised by the clinical team, the Trust is sufficiently motivated to do an in-depth review into the deaths. Mr Brearey, lead for the neonatal unit, had asked for a peer review from colleagues in Liverpool into the cases to see if anything had been