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Sent: 24 February 2016 09:02
To: Harper-Lea Sarah (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST); Kelly Alison (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST)
Subject: RE: Inquest Investigation [Child A]

Thanks Sarah

Yes, agree, I think that the timescale is unrealistic. I believe that Steve's review is equivalent of a SUI – but we can make a final decision when we see the report. I believe that an external neonatologist was involved.

Regards

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From: Harper-Lea Sarah (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST)
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Subject: Inquest Investigation [Child A]

Dear Alison/Ian

CC: [I&S] Baby [Child A] (deceased)

Following on from yesterday's SUI Panel please find attached the information that you will require in order to fully assess the position with this incident investigation/potential claim/Inquest.

- OSR Report dated 16 June 2015
- Post Mortem Report
- Family Questions
- Dr Jayaram's Report
- Dr Saladi's Report
- Dr Jayaram's response to family questions (not yet disclosed to Coroner)
- Dr Davies' Report (not yet disclosed to the Coroner)

The Coroner received copies of the medical records for Mother and baby on 13 January 2016.

On 20 January 2016 a maternity report was requested by the Coroner and we were advised that the Inquest had been set for 23 March 2016 but the witness list had not been confirmed.

On 28 January the Coroner wrote to the Trust asking for reports from all junior doctors involved in baby [Child A's] care following birth. The Coroner also believed that the Trust should consider completing a SUI report due to the complications in long line and catheter insertion.

We were informed that [Child A's] parents had a number of concerns in relation to his treatment and were seeking legal representation.

We received the family questions on 29 January and a response was prepared by Dr Jayaram on 10 February 2016.

We are in the process of gathering the reports from the junior doctors (8 in total).

Potential claims for both mother and baby were received by Legal Services on 16 February 2016.

In terms of the Inquest investigation it is noted that Dr Brearey is completing a neonatal review (referred to within the OSR report attached).

If the neonatal review has been completed do you consider that a SUI investigation, as suggested by the Coroner, needs to be undertaken or do you consider this Review will cover this matter sufficiently?

The Inquest has been set down for 23 March 2016 and we need to decide, based on the outcome of the above, whether or not we will be able to meet this deadline. We need to bear in mind that we are gathering the junior doctors reports and that the information contained within these reports will need to be considered. In my opinion the date of 23 March is not realistic and if you agree I need to advise the Coroner asap.

Regards

Sarah

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