

KAY BOYLE: Yeah. So you didn't sit on the SI panel meetings, because there was these three, well, that was definitely 3 neonatal deaths that was discussed in July as well at a panel. Do you to attend the QSPEC meetings ?

KAREN REES: Yes.

KAY BOYLE: In December 2015, there was the thematic review discussed at the QSPEC meetings.

KAREN REES: Was that the internal one, the initial internal one ?

KAY BOYLE: Yeah yeah.

DARREN THORNE: Yeah, I think it's one the Jane Fogarty developed

KAREN REES:... And Sian Williams were involved in. Yes, I do recall.

KAY BOYLE: Can you remember what was discussed at that meeting at all ?

KAREN REES: All I can remember is obviously I believe that was some concerns raised by, I just think some of the some concerns. If I remember rightly so apologies, that were raised by some of the consultant pediatricians with the exec team, I think, prior to me coming into post, to be honest. But I do recall that. And I think that's when Sian Williams, who was deputy director of nursing at the time, and Julie Fogarty were tasked to look at those concerns internally.

KAY BOYLE: Can you remember if Lucy was identified at that point ?

KAREN REES: I don't remember her name at that point.

DARREN THORNE: No probably wouldn't have been mentioned in that meeting.

KAREN REES: Because when it went I'm sorry, interrupting if, and when I came into post, it was quite similarly at the same time that I took over from Jane Evans, it all started to really roll because I've never heard of Lucy Letby until that point. So I don't recall.

DARREN THORNE: Can I just ask, sorry this isn't about exactly what we discussed. It was just a sense of, it was a sense of concern in that discussion?

KAREN REES: Yes, yes. Yes. Yeah, I think so, to be fair, I think an executive team asking Sian and Julie to look at it first hand was a step for them to start to take concerns. I don't know the details. I'm sorry.

DARREN THORNE: No. I know, and I'm just looking for a sense of it, was that meeting. Okay. Report noted and moved on. There was a genuine ...

KAREN REES: Because I remember thinking oh, my God. You know, I'm impressed. Yeah so I do remember.

DARREN THORNE: And I guess that's what I was looking for it's just that sense. It's not tangible but a moment of concern.