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From: KITCHING, Margaret (NHS ENGLAND) [Irrelevant & Sensitive]
Sent: 19/04/2017 2:04:40 PM
To: GREGORY, Michael (NHS ENGLAND – X24) [Irrelevant & Sensitive]; CORNALL, Robert (NHS ENGLAND – X24) [Irrelevant & Sensitive]; PATEL, Lesley (NHS ENGLAND – X24) [Irrelevant & Sensitive]
Subject: RE: Update on CoCH
Sensitivity: Company Confidential

This is helpful

Are you happy to wait the response to this

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From: [GREGORY, Michael \(NHS ENGLAND\)](#)
Sent: 19 April 2017 15:00
To: [KITCHING, Margaret \(NHS ENGLAND\)](#); [CORNALL, Robert \(NHS ENGLAND\)](#); [PATEL, Lesley \(NHS ENGLAND\)](#)
Subject: RE: Update on CoCH

If it helps, as regards the “concerned” clinicians I pressed Ian further and he has responded: “They still don’t feel that we have completed what the external reviewer described as a “broad forensic review”. The reviewer was asked to define what they meant by this term and, in essence, said it was what we wanted it to be and wasn’t implying a legal connotation that might have been put on it. They did, however, suggest further CDOP involvement (we have had prior conversations with the Chair of the CDOP) and given the make-up of the CDOP they might well fulfil this remit.”

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From: KITCHING, Margaret (NHS ENGLAND)
Sent: 19 April 2017 14:58

To: CORNALL, Robert (NHS ENGLAND); GREGORY, Michael (NHS ENGLAND); PATEL, Lesley (NHS ENGLAND)
Subject: RE: Update on CoCH
Sensitivity: Confidential

In London today

Happy to pick up with the Trust directly if you are happy for me to do this

This may be Friday as I am out of the office at present

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From: [CORNALL, Robert \(NHS ENGLAND\)](#)
Sent: 19 April 2017 14:39
To: [GREGORY, Michael \(NHS ENGLAND\)](#); [PATEL, Lesley \(NHS ENGLAND\)](#); [KITCHING, Margaret \(NHS ENGLAND\)](#)
Subject: RE: Update on CoCH

It all feels a little evasive again – Margaret do you have a view re escalation?

Robert

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Sent: 19 April 2017 14:35
To: CORNALL, Robert (NHS ENGLAND); PATEL, Lesley (NHS ENGLAND); KITCHING, Margaret (NHS ENGLAND)
Subject: Update on CoCH
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Hello

My questions and Ian's comments below.

Still no response as to whether the clinicians have had their concerns addressed.

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From: HARVEY, Ian (COUNTRESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST)

Sent: 19 April 2017 14:31

To: GREGORY, Michael (NHS ENGLAND)

Subject: RE: Update

Sensitivity: Confidential

Thank you Michael

We are going through this process because there isn't yet a complete and definitive answer in all cases. You are correct this reflects the "out of hospital procedure" that is the process that CDOP run. As you will be aware the College review did indicate that the CDOP needed to review its processes to see whether they could have detected the cluster earlier. Re the process, I shall appraise you after my conversation tomorrow. I don't think that there was ever an agreement that the individual case report would be shared – this contains identifiable data – this would need a conversation.

Regards

Ian

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Sent: 19 April 2017 14:11

To: HARVEY, Ian (COUNTRESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST)

Subject: Update

Sensitivity: Confidential

Ian

Thank you

May I ask if the clinicians that were concerned about the report have changed their view or do they still have concerns? You refer to out of hospital deaths – did these 4 children die in hospital at the Countess and you are following the "out of hospital procedure" or did they die away from the unit? Briefly, what is the out of hospital procedure? Do you have an idea of when the report of the external reviewer will be available to commissioners?

Michael

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From: HARVEY, Ian (COUNTRESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST)

Sent: 19 April 2017 12:26

To: GREGORY, Michael (NHS ENGLAND)

Subject: RE: Update please

Sensitivity: Confidential

Good afternoon Michael

Following our Board meeting – having completed the College review and the further case review - we have consulted further with the external, independent case reviewer and since we have 4 cases in which, in the reviewer's opinion, the death is unexplained we are following the process that would be the case in the event of an unexplained death out of hospital and are consulting with the CDOP. I have a phone call scheduled with the Chair of the CDOP tomorrow and will feed back further after this.

Regards

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Sent: 19 April 2017 10:20

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Subject: Update please

Hello Ian

Are you able to update me please as to the decision after your Board meeting?

I have to report back to colleagues today

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