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Good afternoon Margaret

I just wanted to update you. We had a further meeting with ACC Martland, Nigel Wenham (police rep on CDOP) and SIO Det Insp Hughes this morning in Winsford and the Police Legal Adviser. They are minded *not* to hold an investigation – firstly they don't feel that there is evidence of criminal activity and secondly they are mindful of the effects on families. However, our Paediatricians sent a document to them that was a listing of their concerns which was a very prejudiced view, effectively pointing the finger at one nurse. The police noted that it hadn't been forwarded to us also and requested that they do so. It does not contain anything new that multiple people and agencies haven't heard despite the Paediatricians assertion that they haven't been listened to. The police feel that they need to speak to our Paediatric Lead as the sender of the email and report, to give an opportunity to raise anything else that hasn't featured and will, based on this give us an indication by COP on Monday whether they will or won't be proceeding. The timing is important because I am due to meet the parents of one of the babies on Tuesday.

My own feeling is that unless there is something that the Paediatricians haven't disclosed previously that evidences criminal activity there will not be an investigation and the police will assist us in a message that will allow us to close down the speculation here and deal with the issues of culture etc. The Coroner has been kept fully informed by the police.

Perhaps a phone conversation next week might be helpful to fully cover the detail and anything that comes out of Monday?

Kind regards

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