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**From:** Brearey Stephen (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST) [/O=MAIL/OU=NHSFB05/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=U2HPAXCE]  
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**Subject:** RE: Deaths on the Neonatal Unit

Hi Liz,  
I don't think they warrant a presentation for all 3 yet. I would rather discuss Child A in detail (not sure who is presenting Murthy?) and discuss the others afterwards. I can update people into all the micro, staff, incubator etc issues we reviewed yesterday.  
Steve

From: Newby Elizabeth (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST)  
Sent: 23 June 2015 11:26  
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Thanks Steve,

Tomorrow's PMM meeting seems well timed-am happy to put together quick presentation so we can discuss all 3 together. I presume we were due to discuss the other 2 anyway

Liz

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Hi John and Liz,  
I have reviewed Child D's care with Eirian yesterday and looked to see if there are any common threads in the deaths. I emailed an action plan to Ravi yesterday. Child D's death appears to be due to early neonatal sepsis after PROM. She was symptomatic from 12 min of age.  
There is a PMM tomorrow afternoon - please encourage all juniors and nurses to attend and discuss in this forum rather than privately.  
Ravi are you able to circulate my email from yesterday please as I'm in LWH teaching today.

Steve

From: Newby Elizabeth (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST)  
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I agree, I have just been grilled by Dave Harkness. This is causing a lot of concern/upset.

Can we pull something together fairly soon? I think we need to meet with both-probably separately would be better

Liz

From: Gibbs John (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST)

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Subject: Deaths on the Neonatal Unit

Dear All,

Rachel Lambie came to see me this morning (I think because I was the only person in the office when she came) to say that the Registrars are very concerned about the recent neonatal deaths and collapses [Child B] where all the infants showed a strange purpuric looking rash (that probably wasn't true purpura). However, I pointed out that [Child C] who also died did not have this rash - but it's true the [Child A], [Child B] and the recent death [Child D] did show a similar strange colour change on 'collapsing'. Rachel also said that 'all' the neonatal nurses are very worried. They feel we 'ought to be doing something' and also asked what else different the Registrars can do.

I explained that we were looking into this worrying spate of deaths (and [Child B's] collapse), but at the moment couldn't identify a unifying cause. For now, I didn't feel that the Registrars can do anything differently.

Although I've mentioned 'we' are looking into this, I'm not sure exactly how this is being done (but I didn't say this to Rachel). Steve or Ravi - I think you were looking into this. Do we need a meeting with the neonatal nurses (or are you arranging this anyway, Steve). I think a meeting would be useful, even if we have no answers - just to let the nurses air their concerns and to show we are concerned also (since clearly the nurses are worried and talking about this with the Registrars and the perception seems to be that we're not doing anything active at present). So, even though we don't have answers, just meeting with the nurses (and also perhaps the Registrars), might be helpful.

JOHN