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**From:** REES, Karen (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST)

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**Cc:** COOPER, Hayley (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST); HARVEY, Ian (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST); LETBY, Lucy (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST)

**Subject:** Mediation

**Importance:** High

Dear Both

Hayley informed me this afternoon that Stephen Brearey has pulled out of the initial mediation meeting, arranged for tomorrow. I find it hard to believe that Steve cannot make an effort **for 1 hour**.

The amount of stress and upset this is causing Lucy, is immense. I am really concerned about Lucy's health and wellbeing and I am asking for your help.

I came down to the executive office to speak to you, but clearly you are both busy. I spoke to Lorraine, who in turn telephoned Ian Harvey. The plan is that providing the mediator is available, that Steve will have both his meetings on the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

What assurance can you give that he will not change his mind last minute and be allowed to cancel? We have concerns that the Consultant in question, is not fully committed to resolving this issue. Can I ask that you ensure there are no changes to this plan? The pressure and stress that Lucy is presently under is distressing to see. These delays should not be allowed to continue. Lucy has suffered enough over the last eight months and needs closure on this whole thing. Lucy has done everything that has been asked of her, so a plea from me.....please ensure that the meetings go ahead as previously planned.

Constant delays could make it difficult to secure the mediator's time. We do not want any more delays.

I look forward to your response.

Kind regards

Karen