

Thirlwall Inquiry

THE THIRLWALL INQUIRY

RULE 9 QUESTIONNAIRE FOR NURSES

Name: Adele McGarry

Role as per Countess of Chester 2015-2016 Staff List: Bank Registered Nurse

Enclosed documents: No additional documents provided

Questionnaire

Nursing career and employment at the Countess of Chester Hospital (the “hospital”)

1. Please provide a short summary of your nursing career. This summary should include at least the following information:
 - a. when you qualified as a nurse, including the educational institute or awarding body;
 - b. your nursing qualifications, including your nursing band from 2015 to the present;
 - c. details of your previous and current employment.

A) Qualified in July 2006 from Edgehill University
B) Paediatric Nurse and Neonatal Nurse Band 5 Band 6 now Band 7
C) Previous employment Alderhey Children's Hospital, Current employment from 2009 Liverpool Womens NHS foundation trust
2. What were your duties and responsibilities (including any management responsibilities) as a nurse on the neonatal unit (the “**NNU**”) at the hospital in 2015 and 2016? - My duties were to provide patient care to premature and sick babies. Supporting families

The culture and atmosphere on the NNU at the hospital in 2015-2016

3. How would you describe the quality of the management, supervision and/or support of nurses on the NNU between June 2015 and June 2016? - I was an agency worker and when on the unit at the Countess of Chester I was always given support when required
4. How would you describe the relationships between: (i) clinicians and managers; (ii) nurses, midwives and managers; and (iii) between medical professionals (doctors, nurses, midwives and others) at the hospital between June 2015 and June 2016? - I was agency, so did not spend enough time to assess these relationships while I was on duty

Concerns or suspicions

5. Were you given any training on how to report concerns about fellow members of staff? When? If so, how were any concerns to be reported? - As an agency nurse we have a duty to complete training prior to attending any Job therefore I had appropriate training from the agency department and in my regular job.

6. Did you have any concerns or suspicions about the conduct of Lucy Letby ("**Letby**") while you worked on the NNU? If yes, what were your concerns or suspicions and did you raise them with anyone, either formally or informally? No to my knowledge I was not on shift when she was

7. Were you aware of any suspicions or concerns *of others* about the conduct of Letby and, if so, when and how did you become aware of those concerns? NO

8. What discussion or debrief was there (formal or otherwise) with or between nurses, or between nurses and doctors, after the death of a baby? I was not working at the Countess of Chester full time I was an agency nurse. I was not there at the time of the babies in question who passed away.

9. Were you ever aware or worried about the increase in the number of deaths on the NNU? If so, when was this and what did you think? No as I was only an agency nurse therefore, I was only there on few occasions

Reflections

10. Do you think if the babies had been monitored by CCTV the crimes of Letby could have been prevented?
yes

11. What recommendations do you think this Inquiry should make to keep babies in NNUs safe from any criminal actions of staff? Listening to every member of staff. Having an honest and open culture

Request for documents

12. Do you have any documents or other information which are potentially relevant to the Inquiry's Terms of Reference? For example, any documents relating to concerns that were raised about Letby or the safety of the babies on the NNU in 2015 and 2016. If so, please itemise them and provide copies with your signed statement. NO

Personal Data

Signed: _____

Full Name: _____ Miss Adele Mcgarry _____

Dated: _____ 29th May 2024 _____