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**Sent:** 12 May 2017 12:58  
**To:** JAYARAM, Ravi (COUNTRESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST)  
**Subject:** Countess neonatal issue ~[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]~  
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Dr Jayaram

Would you be available on Monday morning for a meeting to review the contents of your report

I think you have a meeting already booked with the Police following the meeting we had several weeks

If in agreement, can we meet you at 1030 as planned, or little earlier if available

I can attend the COCH if you can secure a room, or you can pop over to Blacon Police Station

The purpose of this meeting is to clarify some of the issues you have highlighted

At this point we are not conducting a formal police investigation, we are gathering information to inform future decision making

If you could please let me know

I will be attending with Det Inspector Paul Hughes

We are not looking to meet with anyone else at this time, just yourself

Regards

Nigel

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**From:** JAYARAM, Ravi (COUNTRESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST) [<mailto:> ]  
**Sent:** 10 May 2017 18:36  
**To:** Nigel Wenham  
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Hello Superintendent Wenham

I met you a couple of weeks ago at the Countess during our discussions about the unexplained neonatal deaths and collapses. I am aware that the Trust have sent you copies of the RCPCH report and the independent case note review from Jane Hawdon as well as the results of internal reviews of staffing, intensity etc.

Attached are two documents that attempt to articulate the clinical concerns of the 7 consultant hospital paediatricians here at the Countess as to why we are uncomfortable about not only the increased number of deaths and collapses but also the nature of the deaths and collapses. One is a brief summary of each case (both deaths and unexplained/unexpected collapses) and the concerns, if present, for each of them, the second is a timeline of events referencing the babies in the 1<sup>st</sup> document.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> document is data from the regional neonatal network report looking at intensity, staffing and mortality in the period January 2015 to July 2016 in our unit and other units. The data comes from BadgerNet which is the database used across the Cheshire and Mersey neonatal network.

I am sending these in my role as lead for the department but this is a document that represents the collective view of us all. The document has no patient identifiers but if you require this information please do not hesitate to contact me and I can get this to you.

I hope that this is of use to you.

Ravi Jayaram

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