

Re: Neonatal services

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From	KITCHING, Margaret (NHS ENGLAND)
To	GREGORY, Michael (NHS ENGLAND)
Cc	CONNOLLY, Vincent (NHS IMPROVEMENT - T1520)
Sent	06 April 2017 12:56

I agree with your approach and I have agreed with Vince that I will chase with TOny next week
Is this ok with you
Mx

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On 6 Apr 2017, at 11:20, GREGORY, Michael (NHS ENGLAND) <drmg@i&s> wrote:

Thank you Margaret
It has been very helpful to have your involvement. I spoke to Tony last week.
It has been difficult to manage internally because we don't have all the information from the Trust. I understand the situation is delicate and should hopefully lead to nothing but if it does escalate we need to be prepared and have good documentation.
There have been a number of separate phone calls and conversations but nothing is written at the moment and we have no understanding of timescales – hence my request to Ian. The request for a copy of the brief to the lawyer was from Graham Urwin through Robert.
I am not sure what we should do if I don't get a response.

Michael

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From: KITCHING, Margaret (NHS ENGLAND)
Sent: 06 April 2017 11:07
To: GREGORY, Michael (NHS ENGLAND); CONNOLLY, Vincent (NHS IMPROVEMENT - T1520)
Cc: HARVEY, Ian (COUNTRESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST)
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Hi Michael

Thank you for copying me in, I have copied Vince in as he is fully briefed on this

Sorry I have not had chance to catch up with you but I have had a very helpful conversation with Tony at the Trust and he has given me the run down re the Trust,s position and potential future actions

I will catch up with you re this , Tony will brief us when their process re the paediatricians has concluded as this may need to go further depending on the results

Hope this helps

Kind regards

Margaret

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On 5 Apr 2017, at 16:06, GREGORY, Michael (NHS ENGLAND) <drmg@i&s> wrote:

Hello Ian

I have attached a copy of the notes made when you kindly came to Bevan House to meet me, Lesley and Andrew Bibby on 23rd February 2017.

An action from the meeting was for you to forward a copy of the external review report by the end of March. I apologise for the delay in getting the action notes to you and appreciate I am only now reminding of the request, but I should be grateful if I could have a copy of the report at your earliest convenience.

As you are aware, we have discussed the current issues within the senior members in NHS England Specialised Commissioning, NHS England North Region and Director of Commissioning Operations Teams.

I should be grateful if we can communicate by email with yourself or the relevant person in the Trust by so that we have a written record.

I have a number of requests:

- a) Is it possible to have a copy of the brief that was given to the independent QC for the work that he (or she) was asked to do for the Trust?
- b) Is there a written record of the concerns expressed by the two paediatricians so that we can understand the precise nature of their concerns?
- c) Is there a proposed timeline of events? For example, do you know when the legal advisor is due to meet with the clinicians and when the outcome of that meeting is to be reviewed?

Thank you for your help

Michael

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