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**Subject:** RE: I&S

Thanks John for your email. I agree with your comments.

I have discussed with Sharon Dodd as well who is our CDOP nurse specialist.

***We have agreed that we will not ask the paediatricians to complete form Bs' for the cases where post-mortem has been requested . We will instead use the information from your dictated letter (PM request form) to coroner for completing the form B.***

Please note that CDOP Form A is a notification form completed by staff to inform all relevant agencies about the death (Usually paediatricians don't complete this form, but nursing staff complete it).

I know that you have raised your concerns about so many CDOP forms in the past as well. I have discussed this in CDOP meeting. As these are national forms, they don't want to make any changes in the process.

Kind regards

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**From:** Gibbs John (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST)  
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**Subject:** I&S

Dear Rajiv,

We've had another neonatal death. I&S was a strange infant with multiple malformations who died at a few hours of age on I&S/09/15. He's been reported to the Coroner since I can't offer a definite cause of death for the purposes of the death certificate and I'm awaiting to hear back from the Coroner's office. He suffered a cardiorespiratory arrest so it seems likely he must have a serious cardiac (or possibly even respiratory), congenital disorder even though this wasn't clear from the antenatal scans that detected various other malformations (and more were obvious after his birth from external examination). We know that antenatal scans cannot detect all forms of congenital heart disease (including some serious disorders). There's a chance that the Coroner might not accept this as a Coroner's case because I could

simply state that he died of a cardiac arrest even though the cause of that arrest is unknown. If this is not to be a Coroner's case then it's up to the parents to agree to a PM. I strongly feel in **I&S** case that a PM would be very helpful because there is a reasonably high chance that there are internal malformations that were not detected antenatally but , having spoken to his parents yesterday, dad is not comfortable about a PM but reluctantly accepts it has to go ahead if it's a legal requirement (so I think he might refuse if it's not a Coroner's case).

Anyway, I presume I have to now grind through the usual CDOP form, if you'd kindly send it to me. It did occur to me having spent some time completing a PM request form yesterday (that asks for all the details leading up to the death, and details about the parents and family history as well as the usual info about the GP etc), that it would be helpful if the various forms we need to complete (when usually we are very busy), after a child dies could be amalgamated. It's really helpful that the Form A and Form B that we used to be asked to complete for CDOP have now been amalgamated (it's challenging enough to have to complete these detailed forms but it was so frustrating that those two forms asked for much of the same information yet CDOP insisted we completed both – happily we are now allowed to complete a single CDOP form although it is still quite an extensive form). However, much of the info we are asked to complete in the CDOP form is the same as the info we need to supply on the PM request form. So, it would be great if those forms could be amalgamated. Admittedly, we don't always complete a PM request form for all child deaths, but in those cases where we do have to complete a PM request form then perhaps we could submit a copy of that form to CDOP instead of also giving much of the same info again in the CDOP form? If someone at the CDOP end wishes to transfer the info from the PM request form over to the CDOP form, then that's fine.

JOHN