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From: HOLT, Susie (ALDER HEY CHILDREN'S NHS FOUNDATION TRUST) [susieholt@ I&S]
Sent: 19/04/2017 4:23:53 PM
To: GIBBS, John (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST) [john@gibbs@ I&S Doctor ZA (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST); Doctor ZA @ I&S BREAREY, Stephen (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST) [stephen.brearey@ I&S]; JAYARAM, Ravi (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST) [ravi.jayaram@ I&S]; Doctor V (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST); Doctor V @ I&S; SALADI, Murthy (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST) [murthy.saladi@ I&S]
Subject: Re: Reasons for concerns regarding a possible criminal cause for increased neonatal mortality at the Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Attachments: Summary report on neonatal deaths and collapses vSjH.docx

Thanks Steve. I have gone through it trying to be a 'lay' person i.e. police or trust board member. I have added a glossary of terms & including a survival chart (to avoid the 'all neonates likely to die' mentality). I think we need to be more explicit if possible and have 'suspicion of criminal activity' comment next to any of those where people can recollect abnormal behaviour e.g. Ravi's case with the dislodged tube during the other nurses short period of time off the unit. If I were police reading this...I would want to know which cases to pick up first to prove/disprove criminal activity and we can provide that guidance with a few pertinent reflections. Clearly we have to be careful in putting it in writing but as Simon said we have to show them evidence (or potential evidence) of criminal activity or we will continue to be drowned out by endless trust level reviews. I agree with John's comments - our expert opinion is evidence in itself so we should be stating if death expected or not.
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From: GIBBS, John (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST)
Sent: 14 April 2017 15:47
To: Doctor ZA (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST); BREAREY, Stephen (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST); JAYARAM, Ravi (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST); Doctor V (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST); SALADI, Murthy (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST); HOLT, Susie (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST)
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Thanks very much Steve. It's always easier to alter someone else's hard work than to produce a document initially!

As you say, it's not clear for whom we are preparing this report but the potential readership includes the Police (or at least the police officer who sits on CDOP). Therefore, on the assumption that some of those reading this report may have little medical knowledge, I've tried to explain medical terms (even simple ones like apnoea and bradycardia), and also to ensure that abbreviations are given in full the first time these appear - or, rather, I've done this for the deaths but not for the very brief summaries of the non-fatal collapses listed at the end. It's good to have the non-fatal collapses recorded in the report to indicate that it's not just deaths that concern us, but you are right to have concentrated on the deaths since it's these - we have been advised - that are most likely to interest the Police initially (if and when they get involved, then presumably the non-fatal collapses will also be considered at some stage).

All other suggested changes are explained by comment boxes.

JOHN

From: Doctor ZA (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST)
Sent: 13 April 2017 10:04
To: BREAREY, Stephen (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST); JAYARAM, Ravi (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST); Doctor V (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST); GIBBS, John (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST); SALADI, Murthy (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST); HOLT, Susie (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST)
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Thanks Steve. That seems a clear summary of our concerns.

There is a spelling mistake in baby M (cause).

I obviously wasn't there yesterday, but don't have any changes to suggest.

Doctor ZA

From: BREAREY, Stephen (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST)

Sent: 13 April 2017 00:28

To: JAYARAM, Ravi (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST); **Doctor V** (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST); GIBBS, John (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST); **Doctor ZA** (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST); SALADI, Murthy (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST); HOLT, Susie (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST)

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Dear all,

Further to his comments today I have made a first attempt to list all our concerns as explicitly as possible.

Please feel free to revise and hack. I thought it best to get it out to everyone ASAP and then try and enjoy the rest of my holiday.

Not sure who we are supposed to send it to when it is agreed?

Steve