

she wrote a letter to me in around the 'February 2017' time when CDOP started to become aware but this letter was never sent. I can confirm that Dr Isaac never raised any concerns directly with me about the rise in neonatal deaths and she never mentioned any worries about how the Executive team were responding to the deaths at any of the safeguarding meetings she attended.

126. On 7 July 2016 I had a meeting with Paula Wedd (CCG), NHSE and representatives of Specialised Commissioning [INQ0004320]. At this point there was a lot of activity ongoing in relation to the Trust's investigations into the increase in NNU deaths and we had made a number of changes to make the unit safe. We discussed the safety of the unit, the external review work, Duty of Candour and the fact that CDOP had "*no knowledge of all deaths*". There was also a record that we discussed "*Nigel Wenham – police route*". There is also an action about "*call re: Police re:*" which refers to Sue McGorry (Specialist Commissioning) Lisa Cooper (NHSE), and Paula Wedd (CCG). I think this was an action that these individuals needed to be updated if the police were contacted.
127. In my note of this meeting on 7 July 2016 there is mention of the words "*safeguarding referral*" and I was given an action to consider whether any of the deaths gave rise to any safeguarding concerns. I followed this up with a call to the Local Children's Safeguarding Board on 8 July 2016 [INQ0002953].
128. Safeguarding concerns would not usually be recorded on the Datix system if they were related to an individual member of staff.

### **Suspicious about Letby**

129. Between June 2015 and June 2016 I was informed about 13 deaths on the NNU. I have provided more detail about this period of time later in my Statement but I have summarised below when I became aware of the suspicions about Letby and the information that was provided.