

THE MORECAMBE BAY INVESTIGATION

Chaired by Dr Bill Kirkup CBE

SUMMARY OF THE DISCUSSION AT THE PANEL MEETING

THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2013

The Morecambe Bay Investigation held its first Panel Meeting on Thursday 28 November at Park Hotel, Preston.

In attendance were:

Bill Kirkup CBE - Chairman of the Investigation
Geraldine Walters - Expert Advisor on Nursing
Julian Brookes - Expert Advisor on Governance
Stewart Forsyth - Expert Advisor on Paediatrics
Catherine Calderwood - Expert Advisor on Obstetrics
Jonathan Montgomery - Expert Advisor on Ethics
Oonagh McIntosh - Secretary to the Investigation
Hannah Knight - Analyst to the Investigation

No	Item	Lead Person
1	Welcome and Chairman's opening comments	
The Chairman welcomed the Panel Members, who each gave a brief background of their experience.		
2	The role of expert advisors	Bill Kirkup
The Chairman outlined the role of the expert Panel in ensuring the Investigation is independent, thorough and transparent. The Chairman also outlined the important role that all Panel members will play in challenging both the evidence heard and received as well as each other.		
3	The approach to the Investigation – consideration of options by the Panel and the role of the Secretariat	Oonagh McIntosh
The Secretary to the Investigation led a discussion on the general approach the Investigation could take in asking for evidence from organisations identified in the Terms of Reference. A draft letter to those organisations was discussed. There was also a discussion on the challenges those organisations might face in locating evidence given the recent system changes.		

<p>The Panel went onto discuss their approach to reviewing evidence, making sure the Investigation made best use of their respective expertise.</p>		
4	Glossary of terms and chronology of events	Bill Kirkup
<p>The Panel briefly discussed the glossary of terms but agreed to have a more substantive discussion at a future meeting. The Panel welcomed the work to produce a high level summary of events and commissioned further work to produce a more detailed chronology.</p>		
5	Analytical work – requirements and approach	Hannah Knight
<p>The Investigation’s Analyst outlined a suggested approach to identifying sources of data to be used for the analytical work. The Panel also commissioned a presentation on the demographics of the area covered by the Trust for the next meeting.</p>		
6	The experience of the families	
<p>The Panel heard oral evidence from a number of families regarding the care they or their relatives received at the University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust. This evidence was heard with regard to term of reference 1:</p> <p><i>To review the outcomes for mothers and babies that occurred during this time, including maternal and neonatal deaths that occurred in the trust and in any other institutions to which patients were transferred.</i></p>		
7	Consideration of submissions to the Investigation to determine relevance to the Investigation’s terms of reference	Oonagh McIntosh
<p>Due to time constraints this item was postponed to a future meeting.</p>		
8	Future work programme/timetable	Bill Kirkup
<p>Due to time constraints this item was postponed to a future meeting.</p>		
9	Communications	Oonagh McIntosh
<p>Due to time constraints this item was postponed to a future meeting.</p>		

10	Any Other Business	Bill Kirkup
None were raised.		
11	Date and venue of next meeting	
The next Panel Meeting would take place on Wednesday 11 December, at Park Hotel, Preston.		