

THE MORECAMBE BAY INVESTIGATION

Chaired by Dr Bill Kirkup CBE

SUMMARY OF THE DISCUSSION AT THE PANEL MEETING

THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2014

The Morecambe Bay Investigation held its twelfth Panel Meeting on Thursday 6 November at Park Hotel, Preston.

In attendance were:

Bill Kirkup - Chairman of the Investigation
Catherine Calderwood - Expert Advisor on Obstetrics
Jacqui Featherstone - Expert Advisor on Midwifery
Stewart Forsyth - Expert Advisor on Paediatrics
Jonathan Montgomery - Expert Advisor on Ethics

Oonagh McIntosh - Secretary to the Investigation
Nick Heaps - Deputy Secretary to the Investigation
Paul Roberts – Evidence Manager to the Investigation

No	Item	Lead Person
1	Welcome and opening comments	Bill Kirkup
Bill welcomed everybody to the twelfth Panel Meeting.		
2	Apologies	Bill Kirkup
Julian Brookes - Expert Advisor on Governance, James Walker - Expert Advisor on Obstetrics and Geraldine Walters - Expert Advisor on Nursing sent their apologies for being unable to attend.		
3	Actions from the last Panel Meeting and matters arising	Oonagh McIntosh
Oonagh confirmed that the Secretary of State for Health has acknowledged and accepted the need for an extension of the Investigation's timeline. The Report of the Investigation will now be submitted to the Secretary of State in February 2015.		
Nick Heaps provided an update on the interview programme. A total of 90 people had		

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<p>been interviewed to date, arrangements were in place for a further 8 interviews and interviews had yet to be arranged for 18 other people. This showed that 13 new interviewees had been identified since the Panel meeting in October.</p> <p>Bill Kirkup said that the increase in interviewees was a sign that evidence was providing new leads and also that it was necessary to clarify matters and that, on occasions, this was best achieved via an interview. It is an inevitable and correct part of the process and should be seen as a success of the evidence gathering programme.</p>		
4	Feedback from sub-group leads	Sub-group Leads
<p>Stewart Forsyth said that the Clinical sub-group was now setting out in chronological order the information gained from the case reviews. This will be brought together with other chronological information obtained from the evidence gathering process and will be used in the Report of the Investigation and in feedback to families.</p> <p>Jonathan Montgomery spoke about three distinct areas, identified by the External Response sub-group, where further evidence needs to be gathered. Interviewees have been identified who should provide the required information.</p> <p>Geraldine Walters who chairs the Trust sub-group had sent her apologies. In her absence Stewart and Jonathan spoke about how the work of the Trust sub-group overlapped with theirs, especially around governance structures in place at the Trust and the chronology of action taken by the Trust.</p>		
5	Chronologies	Oonagh McIntosh
<p>A chronology has been produced by the Investigation's support staff. This lists in chronological order all the incidents, events, reports and decisions that have been considered by the Investigation. It is a first draft and Oonagh asked that Panel members and the sub-groups identify any amendments or additions that needed making.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that the chronology would be a valuable reference tool in the writing of the Report and discussed how its inclusion in the Report would help to explain timelines. The chronology also demonstrates the extent and scope of review undertaken by the Investigation.</p>		

6	Any other business	
No matters were raised.		
7	Date and venue of next meeting	
<p>There will be no meeting in December as the Panel is having a discussion over two days about the writing of the Report.</p> <p>The next Panel meeting will take place on 14 January 2015, at Park Hotel, Preston.</p>		