

THE MORECAMBE BAY INVESTIGATION

Chaired by Dr Bill Kirkup CBE

SUMMARY OF THE DISCUSSION AT THE PANEL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 14 JANUARY 2015

The Morecambe Bay Investigation held its thirteenth Panel Meeting on Wednesday 14 January at Park Hotel, Preston.

In attendance were:

Bill Kirkup - Chairman of the Investigation
Stewart Forsyth - Expert Advisor on Paediatrics
James Walker - Expert Advisor on Obstetrics
Julian Brookes - Expert Advisor on Governance
Jonathan Montgomery - Expert Advisor on Ethics
Jacqui Featherstone - Expert Advisor on Midwifery

Oonagh McIntosh - Secretary to the Investigation
Nick Heaps - Deputy Secretary to the Investigation

No	Item	Lead Person
1	Welcome and opening comments	Bill Kirkup
Bill Kirkup welcomed everybody to the thirteenth Panel Meeting.		
2	Apologies	Bill Kirkup
Catherine Calderwood - Expert Advisor on Obstetrics was due to be at the meeting but her train was delayed. Geraldine Walters - Expert Advisor on Nursing was unable to attend and had sent her apologies.		
3	Actions from the last Panel Meeting and matters arising	Oonagh McIntosh
Oonagh thanked the Panel for having provided more dates when they would be available for further interviews. She also thanked the Panel for the work on the various drafts of the Report.		
4	Feedback from sub-group leads	Sub-group

		Leads
	<p>Stewart Forsyth reported that a draft of the Clinical sub-group's report was circulated to the members of the sub-group on 20 December. Comments have been incorporated and cross checking of data is taking place.</p> <p>Jonathan Montgomery said that the External Response sub-group still had some work to do on its report. He also mentioned that the group were drawing on some publically available documents regarding SHAs and PCTs.</p> <p>Julian Brookes reported that the Trust Management sub-group had a draft that was largely complete apart from two sections. Cross referencing to other sections to ensure coherence and consistency was still needed.</p> <p>Bill Kirkup said that he was beginning to firm up a timetable for the completion of the rest of the Report and would share that as soon as possible.</p>	
5	Interview programme update	Bill Kirkup
	<p>Bill Kirkup confirmed the interviews being held that afternoon were very likely to be the last two the Investigation would undertake as part of the evidence gathering process.</p>	
6	Terms of reference 5 and 6	Oonagh McIntosh
	<p>Oonagh McIntosh said that there might need to be meetings with a couple of organisations in respect of terms of reference 5 and 6.</p> <p>Bill Kirkup said that there was a different timetable for evidence collected regarding terms of reference 5 and 6 as that would not need to go through the fact checking and warning letter process.</p>	
7	Report publication	Oonagh McIntosh
	<p>Oonagh McIntosh said the Panel would be notified once arrangements had been made for publication of the Report. Availability of Panel members will need to be discussed for the publication but also for discussions with families and the provision of support for the Trust and other organisations.</p>	
8	Any other business	

No further Panel meetings are scheduled and Oonagh McIntosh and Bill Kirkup thought that further discussions about the Report would most likely be conducted through e mail or telephone calls.