

# **THE MORECAMBE BAY INVESTIGATION**

Chaired by Dr Bill Kirkup CBE

## **SUMMARY OF THE DISCUSSION AT THE PANEL MEETING**

**THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER 2014**

The Morecambe Bay Investigation held its eleventh Panel Meeting on Thursday 9 October at Park Hotel, Preston.

In attendance were:

Bill Kirkup - Chairman of the Investigation  
Julian Brookes - Expert Advisor on Governance  
Catherine Calderwood - Expert Advisor on Obstetrics  
Jacqui Featherstone - Expert Advisor on Midwifery  
Geraldine Walters – Expert Advisor on Nursing

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

<b>No</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Lead Person</b>
1	Welcome and opening comments	Bill Kirkup
Bill welcomed everybody to the eleventh Panel Meeting.		
2	Apologies	Bill Kirkup
Stewart Forsyth - Expert Advisor on Paediatrics, Jonathan Montgomery - Expert Advisor on Ethics and James Walker - Expert Advisor on Obstetrics sent their apologies for being unable to attend.		
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 to undertake the work of the Investigation and especially for further interview dates in November.		
4	Feedback from sub-group leads	Sub-group

		Leads
<p>All sub-groups were in agreement that the major area of work is to complete the interview programme. There is now more focus to the interviews. There is less need for each interviewee to describe everything that was happening in their organisation at the time and more need for specific questioning by the Panel</p>		
5	Interview programme update	Nick Heaps
<p>Nick said that 70 people had now been interviewed and 16 more interviews were arranged. He had met with the Panel a couple of weeks ago to agree the list of those people who had yet to be interviewed and he now has a list of 17 additional people whose dates for interview have yet to be agreed. Some are reluctant to attend an interview but the Investigation is still seeking to secure their attendance. A good number of those who were previously reluctant to attend the Investigation have now been interviewed and just that morning someone who had said they definitely would not attend had agreed an interview date. The Investigation encourages all interviewees to discuss their reservations so that reassurance can be provided about the interview process.</p> <p>It was noted that further interviewees may yet be identified. Some may arise from the 33 interviews that are already expected.</p>		
6	Terms of reference 5 and 6	Oonagh McIntosh
<p>The Investigation is writing to relevant organisations asking them to provide reports on what they are doing now and planning for the future to ensure quality of care. University Hospitals Morecambe Bay Trust is the first organisation to have been approached and their report will arrive this afternoon. The Panel are then visiting the Trust on Monday to meet the Trust Board.</p> <p>Letters are being sent to the other organisations and we hope to have all responses in by the end of October. Some of the organisations have already indicated that they would like to talk to the Panel and there are others that the Panel may ask to see. The Panel may not need to interview representatives from all of the interested organisations regarding terms of reference 5 and 6.</p>		
7	Investigation report	

<p>Bill said he will be circulating to the Panel an outline structure for the Investigation Report. He would be grateful for comments on that and also for volunteers to contribute to writing the different sections of the report.</p>		
8	Any other business	
<p>Geraldine asked if some further information that had been promised by an interviewee had been received. Oonagh said that a letter had been issued requesting this.</p> <p>A letter had also been issued asking for some information from a potential interviewee.</p>		
9	Date and venue of next meeting	
<p>The next Panel Meeting will take place on Thursday 6 November, at Park Hotel, Preston.</p>		