

THE MORECAMBE BAY INVESTIGATION

Chaired by Dr Bill Kirkup CBE

Investigation Summaries of Interviews January 2015

9 January 2015

SUMMARY OF THE INTERVIEW WITH ANAS OLABI

Anas Olabi was interviewed on 9 January 2015 by Stewart Forsyth the expert advisor in paediatrics, Catherine Calderwood the expert advisor on obstetrics and Jacqui Featherstone the expert advisor on midwifery.

Anas was interviewed because he has been a consultant paediatrician at the Trust since 1996 and is currently the clinical lead for paediatrics based at Furness General Hospital within the Trust. He was asked about his role and responsibilities as clinical lead and Anas was specifically asked about the arrangements for consultant paediatrician rounds and the handovers at the end of duties.

The Panel asked Anas about the range of duties he carries out at the Trust and about the specialist clinics that are held there. He was asked about resourcing and factors affecting the recruitment of specialist staff and about the training, development and learning opportunities for the paediatric team across the Trust. In particular Anas was asked about the clinical development of paediatricians at the Trust.

The Panel asked Anas about the working relationships between paediatricians across the Trust and the working relationships between clinicians and managers at the Trust.

He was asked about the development over the past few years of governance structures at the Trust and about incident reporting and the handling of complaints. Anas was asked about protocols regarding clinical care and how these were developed, communicated and operated within the Trust.

He was asked about the transfer arrangements when a newborn child needs to be transferred for intensive neonatal care and about the neonatal network.

Anas was asked about how he ensured that his senior clinical managers were aware of issues of concern and how advice was sought when paediatricians at the Trust were presented with cases they had limited experience of.

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SUMMARY OF THE INTERVIEW WITH KIRK PANTER

Kirk Panter was interviewed on 14 January 2015 by Bill Kirkup, the Investigation Chairman, Julian Brookes the expert advisor on governance and Jonathan Montgomery the expert advisor on ethics.

Kirk Panter is a theatre nurse at the Trust and is also the Staff Side Chair.

He was asked by the Investigation Panel about the governance arrangements at the Trust, about incident reporting, standard operating procedures and the general understanding of the importance of governance within the workforce.

The Panel asked Kirk about whistleblowing and how the Trust Board currently respond to concerns raised by staff.

Additionally the Panel asked Kirk how Staff Side Representatives interact with the Trust Board.

SUMMARY OF THE INTERVIEW WITH DAVID TANSLEY

David Tansley was interviewed on 14 January 2015 by Bill Kirkup, the Investigation Chairman, Julian Brookes the expert advisor on governance and Jonathan Montgomery the expert advisor on ethics.

David was interviewed because of the role and responsibilities he held at the Trust as Deputy Director of Governance from January 2012 until December 2013.

The Panel asked David about the governance arrangements at the Trust and about how risk was registered and reported.

The Panel asked about external reports that were carried out in respect of governance at the Trust and about the follow up actions undertaken. David was asked about how the serious untoward incident panel operated and about Gold Command.