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Dear Ms [REDACTED]

Re Morecambe Bay Investigation

Thank you for your email of the 22nd May 2014 containing a letter from Oonagh McIntosh regarding a call for evidence for the Morecambe Bay Investigation.

As the letter correctly stated, the time frame is well before Healthwatch Cumbria was established. So as an organisation we have no direct evidence to provide you with.

However, the local involvement 'Network Link' did handover a legacy document which detailed much of their work. Upon inspection there is no evidence here either.

I took the liberty of contacting the organisation that provided Link Cumbria CV's on your behalf. I have attached an email from the previous Link manager [REDACTED]

I am sorry that we are unable to be more help, but as I'm sure you will appreciate, we have no control over this.

If you feel we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us

Yours sincerely,

David Blacklock
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From: David Blacklock [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 June 2014 16:11
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: David Blacklock
Subject: FW: UHMB

Dear Ms [REDACTED]

Re Morecambe Bay Investigation

Thank you for your email of the 22nd May.

Please find attached response from David Blacklock, Chief Executive, and email below from Jane Macfarlane for your information.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 May 2014 16:20
To: David Blacklock
Subject: UHMB

Hi David

Please see the minute below from the October 11 meeting of the Governing Body. Cumbria LINK had not received any information regarding maternity service from Service Users or people in the area.

Cumbria LINK were very keen to get the views of Maternity service users and had been invited to take part in a various projects including a deep dive, none of these materialised. We were briefed by Gold Command and kept informed of developments. There is also a report attached from the briefing meeting.

October 11 Meeting

WP9 University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay

The PCT have set up a serious incident team headed by [REDACTED] who will be briefing OSC committee on Monday. We have requested involvement and it is crucial that we are involved in order to be in a position to influence. [REDACTED] will discuss after the briefing on Monday. [REDACTED] will be attending the OSC meeting and will report back. It was agreed that [REDACTED] remain our rep on the OSC.

Further discussion took place around what data LINK should be regularly receiving from the Trusts to identify where there are issues of potential concern. It was agreed to add this item to the next agenda for full discussion.

Action: Host and [REDACTED] to report back after Monday's meeting and take appropriate action
Host to include data gathering on next agenda

November 11 Meeting

[REDACTED] attended a briefing meeting to update on the issues around maternity services and follow up appointments. The report was circulated in advance of the meeting. Proposed LINK activity is to conduct a deep dive into maternity services at Furness General to gather the views of those currently using services and to be kept informed regarding progress in addressing the back log of appointments, implementation of new systems and root cause analysis.

Action: Host to request information from [REDACTED] on appointments
Host to contact [REDACTED] regarding deep dive activity

Hope this helps

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