

THE MORECAMBE BAY INVESTIGATION

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14 January 2014

Dear Dr Cromwell

ANALYSIS OF HOSPITAL EPISODE STATISTICS DATA

Further to our recent telephone conversation and your subsequent discussion with Hannah Knight, I am writing to confirm that the Morecambe Bay Investigation wishes to commission the Clinical Effectiveness Unit (CEU) at The Royal College of Surgeons of England to carry out an analysis of Hospital Episode Statistics (HES) data.

The purpose of the analysis will be to determine whether the University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust was an outlier for particular maternal and neonatal outcomes during the period 1 January 2004 to 1 June 2013, for example:

- Maternal and perinatal death
- Severe adverse maternal outcomes
- Severe adverse neonatal outcomes
- Long-term complications associated with birth trauma

I would be grateful if you could provide a detailed list of the analyses that you plan to conduct, the methods that will be employed, and a time scale for the delivery of this work. Please also include a breakdown of the estimated costs.

The work should not commence until the planned analyses have been agreed by the Investigation's Chairman and I have had the opportunity to consider the estimated costs.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

OONAGH MCINTOSH
SECRETARY TO THE INVESTIGATION

Independent investigation into the management, delivery and outcomes of care provided by the Maternity and Neonatal services of University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay Trust from January 2004 – June 2013

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Dear Dr Cromwell

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Further to my letter of 14 January, and the proposed analysis plan and breakdown of costs that you subsequently provided, I am pleased to confirm that the Investigation Chairman has now given his approval for this work to commence at the agreed cost of £3,800.

I apologise that it has taken until now for this work to be approved however the Investigation is subject to the Department of Health's procurement procedures. The Investigation has however extended the timetable accordingly to factor in this delay. Please let me know if a deadline of the end of May 2014 is agreeable to you.

I would be grateful if you could liaise with Hannah directly should you have any questions regarding the analysis.

Yours sincerely,

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