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Dear Andrew

Thank you for your letter dated 16th December 2016 in respect of you requesting a further update regarding the Neonatal review undertaken by the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health. You will be aware that I sent an update to Sue McGorry via email on the 14th November 2016 explaining that the draft report had been received and was being checked by us for factual accuracy, this was sent back accordingly and we have only just received the final approved document from the Royal College.

One of the recommendations of the report was that a further independent case review was required of relevant cases. This is being undertaken by a Neonatologist from London and they require a secondary pathology review on a small number of cases before their final report is completed. As a consequence, we currently do not have a final report of this part of the review and therefore are not comfortable in sharing the Royal College report until we have the details of the case review.

In the meantime, we are developing our internal and external communication plan in the first instance, which you will be part of, and then subsequently an action plan to address the recommendations of the report. This will be further progressed in the New Year.

Obviously the safety of our unit is paramount and on the day the review team left the Trust, they assured us that there were no immediate actions or concerns. Whilst the relevant reports are being formulated there has been on-going monitoring and support, particularly in respect of reviewing acuity and dependency on the unit with no significant concerns identified.



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