

## STATEMENT FROM SIMON WRIGHT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE

You may have seen or heard media coverage around an independent review into the robustness and effectiveness of investigations the Trust carried out into the deaths of babies. The loss of, or harm to, a baby is the most terrible event imaginable and we again apologise unreservedly to the families involved.



The Trust has written to around 3,000 women who are due to give birth at the Trust to reassure them about the safety of our Maternity Service but I wanted to provide this update to all of the communities we serve to reassure each of you as well.

We are committed to being candid and open about any incident in order that we might spare the families further heartache, or the need for challenge to get to the truth. Our vision is to provide the safest and kindest care and we are determined to become a truly learning organisation. We have investigated all of these cases. We have also commissioned a number of independent external reviews to help us make sure our services are even safer and better and have implemented any learning from these.

We know you may have lots of questions about the independent review that NHS Improvement is leading, but if we comment now, we risk prejudicing the review and we are committed to using it as a chance to make further improvements.

However, if you are using our Maternity Service and have any questions at all relating to your care please speak to your Midwife. If you want to raise any concerns please call our Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) on 01743 261691 or 01952 641222 Ext 4382.