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Dear Colleagues,

In line with communications procedures agreed by the QEUH Oversight Board (QEUH OB), Professor Craig White, Communication and Engagement Lead for the QEUH OB, wrote to the families of the children in the Haemato-Oncology Department at the QEUH on 21 December 2020, enclosing a copy of a letter from the Expert Panel for the Case Note Review. The letter provides families with an update on progress with the review.

I thought you would find background information on the Expert Panel useful. I have enclosed biographies for all members of the Expert Panel at **Annex A** below.

Kind regards,

JEANE FREEMAN

Case Note Review Expert Panel - Panel members biographies

Professor Michael Stevens - Expert Panel Lead



Professor Mike Stevens is an Emeritus Professor of Paediatric Oncology at the University of Bristol and will lead the Expert Panel. He has had more than 30 years of experience as a Consultant Paediatric Oncologist in the United Kingdom. He has served terms as Chair of the UK Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group (twice) and as European President of the International Society of Paediatric Oncology.

Over the past five years, Professor Stevens has undertaken two internal governance reports and a departmental management review for University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust. He also chaired an external report for NHS England on paediatric oncology service configuration in London.

Gaynor Evans - Expert Panel Member



Gaynor Evans was the NHS England Clinical Lead supporting the national ambition to reduce gram negative bloodstream infections (GNBSI) across England until retirement in July 2020.

A registered nurse, she has worked as an infection prevention and control (IPC) specialist for more than 20 years in national, regional and local leadership roles. Before joining the national IPC team she held operational and strategic roles as Head of IPC in the North of

England for NHS Improvement /Trust Development Authority and IPC programme manager for Midlands and East Strategic Health Authority.

Professor Mark Wilcox - Expert Panel Member



Professor Mark Wilcox is Chair of PHE's Rapid Review Panel (reviews the utility of infection prevention & control products for the NHS), Deputy Chair of the UK Department of Health's Antimicrobial Resistance and Healthcare Associated Infection (ARHAI) Committee and is a member of the PHE's Programme Board on Healthcare Associated Infection & Antimicrobial Resistance.

From 2017, he has been seconded one day per week to NHS Improvement to support the delivery of the new national target to reduce healthcare associated Gram-negative blood stream infections in England. He is an advisor to the Department of Health in England on healthcare associated infections (HCAIs), the UK EPIC/NICE projects, the Health Technology Assessment (HTA) programme on Healthcare Associated Infection, the Wellcome Trust and CARB-X panel on novel antimicrobials, and the European Centre for Disease Control. He is a member of UK, European and US working groups on *C. difficile* infection, and is on the Editorial Boards of *Lancet Gastroenterology & Hepatology*, *Journal of Hospital Infection* and *Infectious Diseases in Clinical Practice*.