

Update on Portiuncula Hospital Maternity Services Review for Public Board Meeting 14/10/15

The review into the peri-natal care of women in Portiuncula Hospital in 18 cases is ongoing. As of the week ending October 9th 2015, all families included in the Review have met with the review investigators. The meetings between the investigators and many of the relevant hospital staff are still ongoing.

The Review Team have already examined general information relating to the maternity services at Portiuncula Hospital, met with many of the leadership team and have also reviewed the medical charts relevant to the individual cases. Once the Review Team has received all the reports from the investigators, they will use all of this information to draft their report.

The final report will detail the findings of the review and make recommendations. Members of the Review Team will meet with each family involved in the review to give them specific feedback on their case.

As we have previously stated, the complexity of the Review, and the increase in number of families and staff involved, have been the main reasons why the time frame for the Review's completion has been extended. The Review Team are working towards the Review being completed by the end of this year.

All families have been offered counselling services and staff have been supported with systems analysis training and access to the Employee support programme as needed.

Regular re-audits at the Maternity Unit at Portiuncula Hospital have confirmed that there is no continuing patient safety concern arising from the issues identified last year.

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