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Colm

Further briefing (in line to take, bullet point form) for Minister's interview to take account of criticism that Trust is investigating itself again.

Happy to discuss.

Jonathan



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- I believe the action that Sperrin Lakeland is taking to look critically at the way this situation was dealt with is very positive. We need to learn from events such as this.
- It is important that the Trust and its staff understand what happened in this tragic case; why it happened; what can be learnt; and what action can be taken to prevent similar events. The root cause analysis to be undertaken will identify areas for improvement and development.
- The steering group will include a senior representative of the Western Health and Social Services Board and will receive totally independent advice from the HPSS Clinical and Social Care Governance Support Team.
- The Support Team was recently established by my Department to lead the development and implementation of clinical and social care governance in the HPSS. It will work to sustain longer-term cultural change and organisational development so as to ensure continuous improvement in health and social care services.
- I will be taking a close interest in the outcome of the work and will want to be made aware of any lessons that can be learnt not only for Sperrin Lakeland Trust, but also any implications for the wider Health and Social Services in Northern Ireland.