Dr O'Donohoe - Potential Scenarios and Responses: For Discussion

1. GMC refer to Professional Conduct Committee and suspend. Trust Position

We have been advised of the GMS preliminary hearings decision to refer Dr O'Donohoe to the P.C.C. We are currently making arrangements to relieve O'Donohoe of his duties, and provide alternative Paediatric cover, pending the final determination of the P.C.C. We are not yet aware of the timescales at this time.

2. GMC refer to PCC and don't comment or recommend any restrictions on practice in interim.

Trust Position

We acknowledge the GMCs preliminary hearing committees decision to refer Dr O'Donohoe to the P.C.C. We note their view that no restrictions on Dr O'Donohoe's practice are warranted at this time. The Trust continue to keep a watching brief over Dr O'Donohoe practice. Dr O'Donohoe is fully co-operating with the Trust in this regard.

3. GMC preliminary hearings committee decide not to refer to PCC Trust Position

We note the GMCs preliminary hearing committees decision. We welcome this finding. We again wish to acknowledge the terrible tragedy and loss that the Crawford family have experienced. This has also been a difficult and painful experience for staff. This decision affirms our belief that Dr O'Donohoe and colleagues were not wilfully negligent but rather themselves, also, victims in this terribly tragic case. We hope that our staff, our community and the Crawford family can now at least put this aspect of this case behind them.

Footnote

Text in italics - risky statement.

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