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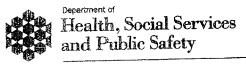
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REQUEST FOR DEPARTMENT DIRECTION: ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS STEERING GROUP

Thank you for your letter of 28 October on the above subject.

In light of the ministerial announcement that Mr John O'Hara QC has been appointed to undertake an inquiry into the allegations raised in the recent UTV Insight programme and subsequent discussion with Mr O'Hara, I can confirm that the Root Cause Analysis exercise into the Lucy Crawford case should not now continue.

I very much appreciate the good work that has been done to date and I would urge the Trust to build on that experience by continuing to pursue opportunities for learning from the Root Cause Analysis process possibly using examples of cases from elsewhere.

I trust you will understand that given the announcement of the independent inquiry, it simply would not be appropriate to continue with the root cause analysis of the Lucy Crawford case.

I am copying this letter to Harry Mullan and Hugh Mills.

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