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Dear Ms Voisin

I am writing in response to the Prevention of Future Death report you issued to this Trust following the inquest into the death of Charlotte Bevan deceased.

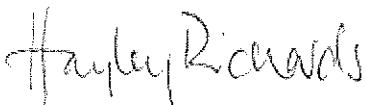
At our December Critical Incident Overview Group meeting, we examined the perinatal pathways in place across the Trust for pregnant women and noted that there was variability, and more variability than can be accounted for by the different commissioning arrangements and service delivery models. As such, Dr Kathryn Bundle, Consultant Perinatal Psychiatrist has been tasked to review the individual pathway arrangements against the NICE guidelines for antenatal and post-natal mental health care, with the aim of agreeing a pathway that can be agreed and implemented Trust wide. This work is well underway with draft algorithms developed that are being consulted on and tested. The pathways are underpinned very much by multi-disciplinary care planning and co-ordination that you found missing in Charlotte's care and require the undertaking of multi-disciplinary team meetings and the revision and updating of the care plan as part of that process.

In addition, although we have not found the need to revise our existing policies, systems and procedures in light of Charlotte's and Zaani's deaths, we do plan to prepare and issue in the New Year a vignette of Charlotte's care that can be shared with all teams as a valuable reflective training exercise. This will place emphasis on the importance of multi-disciplinary working and care planning. This vignette will be issued with prominence via our internal safety alert system, that requires positive confirmation that action has been taken. Implementation of change will be monitored via our supervision and appraisal processes.

Finally, we will of course continue to work with NHS England to help them review the commissioning model for perinatal mental health services.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Yours sincerely



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