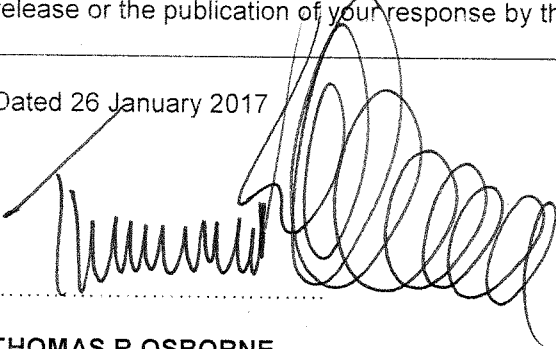




for Bedfordshire and Luton

REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS

	<p>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO: Ms Pauline Philip Chief Executive Luton & Dunstable Hospital Lewsey Road LUTON. LU4 0DZ</p>
1	<p>CORONER</p> <p>I am Thomas R. Osborne, Senior Coroner for Bedfordshire and Luton</p>
2	<p>CORONER'S LEGAL POWERS</p> <p>I make this report under paragraph 7, Schedule 5, of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 and regulations 28 and 29 of the Coroners (Investigations) Regulations 2013. http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2009/25/schedule/5/paragraph/7 http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/1629/part/7/made</p>
3	<p>INVESTIGATION and INQUEST</p> <p>On 20 April 2016 I commenced an Investigation into the death of Albie Henderson Marlow. The Investigation concluded at the end of the Inquiry on 26 January 2017. The Conclusion of the Inquiry was 'Still Birth'</p>
4	<p>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</p> <p>Mother at 37 weeks gestation. She was taken for Category 2 Caesarean Section. There were some difficulties in delivery of the baby due to adhesions and thick uterus: head pushed up to enable difficult delivery. Fetal movement had last been perceived by mother on 8 April 2016 and fetal heart last heard 13 minutes prior to delivery. Baby Albie was born pale and floppy with no respiratory effort and no heart rate - Still Birth. Family state this was not the case and that Albie cried.</p>
5	<p>CORONER'S CONCERNS</p> <p>During the course of the Inquiry the evidence revealed matters giving rise to concern. In my opinion there is a risk that future deaths will occur unless action is taken. In the circumstances it is my statutory duty to report to you.</p> <p>The MATTERS OF CONCERN are as follows. –</p> <p>During the course of the Inquiry into the death of Baby Albie I heard that throughout labour his mother had asked for, and indeed, "begged" for a Caesarean Section delivery and her wish was not granted. She expressed concern that the delivery was following the same pattern as an</p>

	<p>earlier pregnancy and it had resulted in a delivery by emergency C Section. It was apparent that if baby Albie had been delivered when mother requested a C section he would have survived.</p> <p>My concern is that mothers requesting delivery by Caesarean Section are not having their wishes respected and this is putting babies' lives at risk.</p>
6	<p>ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN</p> <p>In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you Chief Executive Luton & Dunstable Hospital have the power to take such action.</p>
7	<p>YOUR RESPONSE</p> <p>You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of this Report, namely by 24 March 2017. I, the coroner, may extend the period.</p> <p>Your response must contain details of action taken or proposed to be taken, setting out the timetable for action. Otherwise you must explain why no action is proposed.</p>
8	<p>COPIES and PUBLICATION</p> <p>I have sent a copy of my report to the Chief Coroner and to the following Interested Persons: Parents: [REDACTED] and to the Care Quality Commission who may find it useful or of interest.</p> <p>I am also under a duty to send the Chief Coroner a copy of your response.</p> <p>The Chief Coroner may publish either or both in a complete or redacted or summary form. He may send a copy of this report to any person who he believes may find it useful or of interest. You may make representations to me, the coroner, at the time of your response, about the release or the publication of your response by the Chief Coroner.</p>
9	<p>Dated 26 January 2017</p>  <p>THOMAS R OSBORNE Senior Coroner Bedfordshire and Luton</p>