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Dear Families,

RE: Independent Thematic Review of maternity services at Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust

I am writing to let you know that after careful consideration and further conversations with her family, Julie Dent CBE has, for personal reasons, decided not to proceed as Chair of the Independent Review of maternity services at Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust.

This in no way changes the new enhanced national oversight of the Review provided by NHS England and NHS Improvement. The NHS remains committed to ensuring that the experiences of families, any themes identified across maternity safety incidents, and concerns raised, all drive rapid improvements in care for women and babies in Nottingham through an Independent Review.

We absolutely recognise that there is more to do to improve the engagement and communication with families, and this is a priority as we establish a new Review process.

You will rightly want clarity and certainty as soon as possible on this new stage of the Review. I will write again shortly to set out the next steps regarding the leadership of the Review, building on the feedback received so far and following discussions with a number of families this week hosted by the Department of Health and Social Care. If you have any comments or questions, please do contact us at england.nuhtindrev@nhs.net.

I would like to take this opportunity to again express my sincere sympathies for the distressing circumstances that have led to your family's involvement in this Review, and to acknowledge the courage you have displayed in sharing your experiences. I would like to reiterate that specialist psychological support is available to anyone that needs it and can be accessed through Trent PTS on fpss@trentpts.co.uk or 0115 200 1000.

Yours sincerely,



Sir David Sloman
Chief Operating Officer
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