

Please ask for the Medical Director's Personal Assistant

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Dear Dr Didcock

I write in response to your email of the 9th December and [REDACTED] email of 3rd December which I have discussed with [REDACTED] and also the clinical teams. [REDACTED] has highlighted three actions that could have altered the pathological understanding in this case and I would like to respond to each in turn:

1. If the clinical team feel at the time there is placental pathology they should highlight this on their request form

The clinical team who would request placental pathology have been reminded to highlight this on the request form. There may, however, be times when that request is not immediately apparent at the time of birth and as in the case of Quinn Parker, this may be requested at a later date.

2. The midwife sending the placenta should examine it and not take the word of another midwife

The Director of Midwifery has agreed to remind all midwives about their responsibility to examine placentas according to the guideline prior to sending to pathology and not delegate this task to others.

3. If the BMS noted a vessel in the membrane as in this case, it should be documented as to whether it was intact or ruptured

I have attached a new proforma that has been introduced since this case for the BMS to complete at the time of the placenta preparation to ensure that information such as this is captured.

I hope that these actions, together with my previous response, provide some assurance that the matters experienced in this case will be averted in the future.

With kind regards
Yours sincerely

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