

Core brief

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Introduction

This issue of Core Brief details information on today's statement by Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport.

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We completely understand this has been a distressing time for families and our staff and apologise for the anxiety caused.

We also recognise that communication with families can be improved and continue to take steps to do so and to answer their questions openly and truthfully. We are also working with Professor Craig White to develop better ways of engaging with families.

Finally, we recognise a robust whistleblowing process is an absolutely essential mechanism within our organisation, but can only be effective when it has the trust of staff who use it.

We want to give assurance that any concerns raised through the official whistleblowing channels will be taken seriously, and dealt with in full confidence.

Staff are also encouraged to raise any concerns they may have with managers or trade unions.

There are clearly lessons for this Board to learn and we are committed to making the necessary improvements.

To read our whistleblowing policy please [click here](#)

The Cabinet Secretary's full speech from this afternoon can be read [here](#)

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