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South East Region

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Dear Colleagues,

You will have seen that the independent review led by Dr Bill Kirkup into maternity services in the East Kent Hospitals NHS Trust maternity services has now been published.

We all recognise the tragic and important issues raised by this report. We also acknowledge that these will have an impact of all staff learners and those who support learners at the trust, and across Kent.

At the heart of this are the families who have been affected and we offer them our deepest sympathies. We will continue to work collaboratively with you as partners to ensure education and training across maternity services reflects the changes and improvements outlined in the recommendations of the report.

We all want to ensure safe services for maternity across East Kent.

Health Education England in the South East is committed to ensuring the support for all learners and those involved in training, supervising and assessment of learners.

If you are affected directly or indirectly, or if you are unsure where to go to access support, please don't hesitate to contact us personally or email us at [EscalatingConcerns.KSSQuality@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:EscalatingConcerns.KSSQuality@hee.nhs.uk) to voice your concerns. We are here to help you.

Kind Regards,

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