

Independent Investigation into East Kent Maternity Services

Statement

Thursday 11th March 2021

Progress of the Investigation

We are very grateful to those families who have come forward and confirmed their wish to have their cases considered as part of the investigation.

The investigation commenced on 23 April 2020 and a number of families came forward at that stage. On the 1st October 2020, as Chair of the Independent Panel, Dr Kirkup issued an invitation for any new families to let us know if they too would like to participate in the investigation.

As a result, an increased number of families have been included in the work of the investigation and sessions are underway enabling panel members to hear directly from family members. It is already clear that the increased number of cases and the range of circumstances they present will enable the panel to fulfil each part of the Terms of Reference, as now published. (<https://iiekms.org.uk/terms-of-reference>)

The focus is therefore now shifting from receiving new cases to meeting the families who have come forward and to analyse the various records and completing the remaining stages of the investigation.

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