

North Bristol NHS Trust statement on the recommendations of the Histopathology inquiry

I accept on behalf of North Bristol NHS Trust the findings and recommendations of the independent Histopathology inquiry and we will be acting on them accordingly.

With new senior management in place at both Trusts we now have a better working partnership between both organisations.

With University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust (UH Bristol) we have agreed to appoint a Joint Clinical Director of Histopathology, to cover both Trusts, who will be based at North Bristol NHS Trust. Also, we have already put in place an agreed escalation protocol for clinicians to raise their concerns which will ensure rigorous and swift investigation.

Ourselves and UH Bristol have contacted the individuals or their relatives of all the cases who were scrutinised as part of this inquiry, to let them know why their case had been reviewed and to provide them with proper advice, reassurance and guidance.

Moving forward we are committed to an effective and supportive working partnership with UH Bristol and to continue providing good quality and safe healthcare for our patients.

Mrs Ruth Brunt
Chief Executive
North Bristol NHS Trust

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