

Fuller Update

June 2024

Phase 1 report update

At the 28th February 2024 Trust Board Miles Scott updated on our response to the Independent Inquiry into the issues raised by the David Fuller case.

The Board is assured we have now fully implemented all the recommendations made in the Inquiry's Phase 1 Report which was published in November 2023.

The report contained 15 recommendations for the Trust and covered four areas; controlling access to the mortuary, regulation and oversight, workforce and security. Following receipt of the report the Trust introduced an action plan to address each recommendation and our response and the supporting evidence was also signed off by the Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board during February.

Next Steps

The report has now been submitted to NHS England and the Department of Health.

The Inquiry is due to publish a Phase 2 report this year. This will look at the broader national picture and consider procedures and practices in hospital and non-hospital settings.

It is important to note that the Trust's report is not just a point in time and we have put in place a programme of ongoing assurance to monitor and maintain our compliance. We have also broadened out the recommendations to cover other areas of the Trust where appropriate, including additional security improvements and staff training.