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thanks for attached. This has got all the info, I actually think you could do some editing to get this down to one page. If I were putting this up I would add the following:-

- strengthen local NHS Line To Take by say mentioning CHI have been in and found policies/procedures fine;
- a DH Line To Take on clinical governance (Colin can give you something), we cannot comment on the issue at this stage as police investigation continues;
- a media contact with out of hours contact details; and,
- say if local MPs have or are still taking an interest.

One final general comment, from experience the PCT & police may be saying they have & are keeping families full informed of developments. The families may not share that view. I like to add a few caveats to distance you from what they are saying eg "I understand that", "apparently", "I am advised" etc.

Hope this is useful and happy to discuss.

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12/07/2006 12:54

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Phill,  
I have spoken to Colin Phillips and he says it is a non-story. But anyway, can you have a look at this briefing and see what you think?

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Thanks Jonathan - not having a go at you but if its a "non story" which does the BBC feel able to run with it? I don't think the Trust/SHA have got a hold of this. Watch the PQs & letters start rolling in!!

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Hi **Code A**

I now have something from the SHA. They actually have it dated as the 10th but by the looks of things forgot to send it! (It didn't come to the mb health alert box or mine). Sending up shortly, although Colin Phillips apparently briefed CMO last month and nothing has changed. It is apparently a non-story.

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Thanks Jonatahn. Thats probably why I hadnt seen it.

Push them for a comms strategy please.

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12/07/2006 09:01

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Hi Phill,

I am quite sure it was briefed up on years ago when it started (1998?). But of course I will get an update asap. I hadn't seen it to be honest.

Best

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apologies if you have briefed on this but I don't recall seeing anything:-

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/hampshire/5168814.stm>

Is the SHA on top of this?

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