

Independent Inquiry into the issues raised by Paterson

WEDNESDAY 29TH AUGUST 2018

Appointment of Independent Advisors

I am pleased to announce the appointment of three Independent Advisors to the Inquiry. They are: **Karen Harrowing**, **Alex Kafetz** and **Stephen Collier**. Karen, Alex and Stephen will be working with the Inquiry as we develop recommendations on what needs to happen to improve safety and quality of care for patients. They bring with them a wealth of experience and knowledge of both the independent sector and NHS, and across the breadth of our Terms of Reference.

Karen Harrowing has nearly forty years' experience in both NHS and independent hospital practice. She was formerly Group Quality Systems Director and Group Chief Pharmacist for Nuffield Health and has a particular expertise in governance in the Independent Sector. Karen is regularly called upon to apply her expert knowledge in the areas of quality systems and governance arrangements, for national guidance documents and reviews, including in the area of practising privileges.

Alex Kafetz is Managing Director at ZPB Associates and is a leading thinker on healthcare data, transparency and technology. Alex is a trained data analyst with experience working with the NHS and independent sector, having worked with NHS datasets, technology, digital services and information for over 18 years. Alex is currently an independent member of the National Information Board (NIB) and also for the Waltham Forest Clinical Commissioning Group patient participation board.

Stephen Collier has extensive experience of senior management and governance across private and public health sectors, both nationally and internationally. Stephen is currently a non-executive director for St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Chair of NHS Professionals, and has previously held the position of Group Chief Executive for BMI Healthcare. He is a recognised expert in areas including quality enhancement, cultural change and regulatory and competition compliance. He originally practised as a barrister.

In addition to our appointed Independent Advisors, I will be seeking expert opinion from a number of medical professionals on the clinical and frontline matters which are relevant to the Inquiry's Terms of Reference. These professionals will be identified from across a range of disciplines so that we can gain insight on the roles, responsibilities and challenges facing healthcare professionals across multi-disciplinary teams.

The Right Reverend Graham-James, Chair of the Inquiry