

## **PRESS RELEASE:**

Following West Mercia Police's confirmation that they are launching an investigation into the care of mothers and babies who died or suffered serious harm in the maternity services at the Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Trust, the Chair of the independent review Donna Ockenden would like to reassure families that this development will not affect the progress of the maternity review.

Donna Ockenden said: "As the review progresses we will be working closely with West Mercia Police as well as with NHS Improvement and NHS England, and the Department of Health and Social Care to ensure that families' voices continue to be heard. We are currently working towards a release of initial findings and recommendations from the review later this year with the full report to be published in 2021."

"In the weeks ahead we will be in continued discussions with West Mercia Police with a view to identifying cases that may be relevant to the Police investigation. In due course we will write to those families whose cases may be relevant to the Police investigation to gain their consent to share contact details with the Police."

Our team is available for families to talk to if they wish and can be contacted Monday to Friday from 08.30am – 4.30pm. Tel: 01243 786993  
Email: [maternityreview@donnaockenden.com](mailto:maternityreview@donnaockenden.com)

Any families who wish to contact West Mercia Police directly with information regarding significant concerns about their maternity care and treatment at the Trust should contact the Police at [MajorIncidentUnit@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:MajorIncidentUnit@westmercia.pnn.police.uk) or through the Major Incident Public Portal <https://mipp.police.uk/operation/22HQ19D84-PO1> or by calling 101.

### **Other contact information for the Police:**

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