

Special Care Baby Unit

South Tyneside Foundation Trust

1.8.17

To whom it may concern

On behalf of the nursing staff of Special Care Baby Unit at STDH I would like it to be documented that at no time, during the pre-consultation phase of the 'Path to Excellence' proposal, were myself, or any members of my staff, included in any discussions regarding the future of the provision of Level 1 Neonatal Care for the local population of South Tyneside. This is contrary to Dr. Wahid's assurances, during the public consultation events, that all senior clinicians and clinical staff were included.

I would also like it to be minuted that SCBU staff only became aware of the closure of our department at the staff briefing prior to the public launch on 4.7.17 despite denial, by senior management on 3.5.17, when challenged regarding Patrick Garners disclosure to the Northern neonatal Network Board on 27.4.17 outlining the transfer of all SCBU care provision to City Hospital Sunderland.

Ward Manager

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