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To support the submission of the Maternity Services Assessment and Assurance Tool, devised to support providers to assess their current position against the 7 Immediate and Essential Actions emerging from the Ockenden Report, the Trust Board and Maternity Service at Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust have prepared the following statement of commitment.

Immediate and Essential Action 1: Enhanced Safety:

- The organisation commits to seeking, where appropriate, an external clinical specialist opinion from outside the Trust (but from within the region) for cases of intrapartum fetal death, maternal death, neonatal brain injury and neonatal death, in accordance with the agreed evolving regional process.
- We commit to adherence with the agreed structured reporting mechanisms for all maternity Serious Incident reports, as yet to be determined by the West Yorkshire and Harrogate (WY&H) Local Maternity System (LMS).
- The organisation commits to implementing the Perinatal Clinical Quality Surveillance Model on receipt of further guidance and an agreed regional process.

Immediate and Essential Action 2: Listening to Women and Families:

- On receipt of the nationally agreed guidance and job description, the organisation commits to creating an independent senior advocate role which reports to both the Trust and LMS Boards. We look forward to seeing the agreed remit of this crucial role.

Immediate and Essential Action 3: Staff Training and Working Together:

- The Trust commits to ensure that any external funding allocated for the training of maternity staff, is ring-fenced and used for this purpose only.

Professor Mel Pickup,
Chief Executive Officer

Dr Maxwell Mclean,
Chairman

- We commit to the ring-fencing of the year 3 (2021/22) Maternity Incentive Scheme refunds for use within Maternity Services.

Yours sincerely

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