

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 10 February 2026 10:14
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Draft in confidence: parent's concern about cluster of childhood cancers

From: [Redacted]@hscni.net>
Sent: 12 November 2025 11:10
To: Mitchell, Bethany [Redacted]; McKeever, Karl [Redacted]@qub.ac.uk>; Johnston, Robert [Redacted]@hscni.net>; [Redacted]@qub.ac.uk>
[Redacted]@qub.ac.uk>; nicr qub <nicr@qub.ac.uk>
Subject: RE: Draft in confidence: parent's concern about cluster of childhood cancers

CAUTION: This email originated from outside the Belfast Trust.
Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognise the sender and know the content is safe.

"This email is covered by the disclaimer found at the end of the message."

Hi Bethany, apologies – meeting is not going ahead this morning.

[Redacted]
[Redacted]
Director of Public Health
 Public Health Agency
12-22 Linenhall Street
Belfast, BT2 8BS
[Redacted]
www.publichealth.hscni.net

From: Mitchell, Bethany [Redacted]
Sent: 12 November 2025 11:04
To: [Redacted]@hscni.net>; karl.mckeever [Redacted]@qub.ac.uk>; Johnston, Robert [Redacted]@hscni.net>; [Redacted]@qub.ac.uk>
[Redacted]@qub.ac.uk>; nicr qub <nicr@qub.ac.uk>
Subject: Re: Draft in confidence: parent's concern about cluster of childhood cancers

Hi [Redacted]
Just to check - are we meeting this morning?

BW
Bethany

Sent from Outlook for iOS

From: [REDACTED]@hscni.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 6, 2025 1:38 PM
To: Mitchell, Bethany [REDACTED]; McKeever, Karl [REDACTED]@qub.ac.uk>; Johnston, Robert [REDACTED]@hscni.net>; [REDACTED]@qub.ac.uk>
Subject: RE: Draft in confidence: parent's concern about cluster of childhood cancers

CAUTION: This email originated from outside the Belfast Trust.
Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognise the sender and know the content is safe.

"This email is covered by the disclaimer found at the end of the message."

Thanks Bethany for forwarding. This afternoon unfortunately doesn't suit [REDACTED].

All, tomorrow isn't looking possible for all attendees. A further possible date would be on Wednesday 12th November at 11am. Can you please let me know if this is suitable.

Many thanks.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Director of Public Health
 Public Health
Agency

12-22 Linenhall Street
Belfast, BT2 8BS

[REDACTED]
www.publichealth.hscni.net

From: Mitchell, Bethany [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 November 2025 13:25
To: karl.mckeever [REDACTED]@qub.ac.uk>; [REDACTED]@hscni.net>; Johnston, Robert [REDACTED]@qub.ac.uk>; [REDACTED]@hscni.net>
Subject: RE: Draft in confidence: parent's concern about cluster of childhood cancers

You don't often get email from [bethany.mitchell@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:bethany.mitchell@[REDACTED]). [Learn why this is important](#)
Also ccing [REDACTED] as the email address was incorrect

From: Mitchell, Bethany

Sent: 06 November 2025 13:22

To: McKeever, Karl [redacted]@qub.ac.uk; [redacted]
[redacted]@hscni.net; robert.johnstone [redacted]
[redacted]@hscni.net; [redacted]@qub.ac.uk

[redacted]@qub.ac.uk; Northern Ireland Cancer Registry <Nocr@qub.ac.uk>

Subject: RE: Draft in confidence: parent's concern about cluster of childhood cancers

Dear all,

I unfortunately cannot tomorrow as have a prior commitment that I can't excuse myself from.

Would anyone have a free moment this afternoon? Failing that I could ask a colleague to attend tomorrow

BW,

Bethany

Available all next week also

From: McKeever, Karl [redacted]

Sent: 06 November 2025 13:21

To: [redacted]@qub.ac.uk; [redacted]@hscni.net; Mitchell, Bethany
[redacted]; robert.johnstone [redacted]
[redacted]@hscni.net; [redacted]@qub.ac.uk

Cc: [redacted]@qub.ac.uk; Northern Ireland Cancer Registry <Nocr@qub.ac.uk>

Subject: Re: Draft in confidence: parent's concern about cluster of childhood cancers

Apologies

I have a another meeting then

Karl

Sent from Outlook for iOS

From: [redacted]@qub.ac.uk

Sent: Thursday, November 6, 2025 1:13:37 PM

To: [redacted]@hscni.net; McKeever, Karl [redacted]; Mitchell,
Bethany [redacted]
robert.johnstone [redacted] <robert.johnstone [redacted]>; [redacted]
[redacted]@hscni.net; [redacted]@qub.ac.uk

[redacted]@qub.ac.uk; Northern Ireland Cancer Registry <Nocr@qub.ac.uk>

Subject: RE: Draft in confidence: parent's concern about cluster of childhood cancers

CAUTION: This email originated from outside the Belfast Trust.
Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognise the sender and know the content is safe.

Hi [redacted] - I am doing examiner at PhD viva tomorrow - but will try and get 30 mins for this - so prob best to go for 10 am.

[redacted] copied for diary

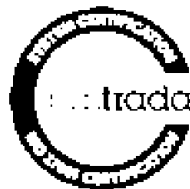
[redacted] also copied - to be added to invite.

Thanks all

Best Wishes



QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST



The information contained in this E-mail is confidential and is intended only for the named recipient(s). If you are not the intended recipient you must not copy, distribute or take any action or reliance on it. If you have received this E-mail in error, please notify the sender. Any unauthorised disclosure of the information contained in this E-mail is strictly prohibited.

Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail

From: [REDACTED]@hscni.net>
Sent: 06 November 2025 12:41
To: karl.mckeever <karl.mckeever@[REDACTED]>; Bethany.Mitchell [REDACTED]; robert.iohnstone [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]@qub.ac.uk>; [REDACTED]@hscni.net>
Subject: Draft in confidence: parent's concern about cluster of childhood cancers

This message is from an external sender. Please take care when responding, clicking links or opening attachments.

"This email is covered by the disclaimer found at the end of the message."

Dear all, further to [REDACTED] email below, can you please advise if either 10.00 or 10.30am would suit tomorrow for a short call.

Thanks.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Director of Public Health
 Public Health Agency
12-22 Linenhall Street
Belfast, BT2 8BS

[REDACTED]
www.publichealth.hscni.net

From: [REDACTED]@hscni.net>
Sent: 06 November 2025 11:45
To: karl.mckeever <[REDACTED]>; Bethany.Mitchell [REDACTED]; robert.iohnstone [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

[redacted]@qub.ac.uk> [redacted]@hscni.net>

[redacted]@hscni.net>

Subject: Draft in confidence: parent's concern about cluster of childhood cancers

Dear all,

I am sharing draft report on concerns about a cluster of children's cancer around Draperstown with you in confidence. We would like to have opportunity to discuss with you before this is released. Thanks

Could we please arrange a short call later this week if possible (might be impossible given it is Thursday! But we will try...). [redacted] can you please follow up for date? Thanks

Thanks

From: [redacted]@hscni.net>

Sent: 22 October 2025 15:50

To: karl.mckeever [redacted]

Subject: Re: parent's concern about cluster of childhood cancers

Thanks Karl,

Sorry this was in outbox – I must have closed laptop before it sent.

Because it is ALL might be helpful to have one of the haematologists there. I think [redacted] from cancer registry has been in touch with [redacted] about this (it sure if they have discussed though). There is a standard methodology for cluster investigation which has been followed. However, it is extremely helpful to link with clinical team - esp since the cancer registry has quite a lag.

Thanks

[redacted] can you please watch for response? Thanks

need to have this asap. Tuesday is tight but if it suited clinical team would try and squeeze this in - possibly by pushing something else.

Thanks

Sent from [Outlook for iOS](#)

From: McKeever, Karl [redacted]

Sent: Friday, October 17, 2025 4:33:13 PM

To: [redacted]@hscni.net>

Subject: Fw: parent's concern about cluster of childhood cancers

Hi [redacted]
Yes happy to.
I've asked [redacted] & [redacted] to join us.
They have been at their own all-island haem-onc conference thu-fri so will chase up on monday.
Probably tue best for me?

Thanks

karl

From: [redacted]@hscni.net>

Sent: 17 October 2025 11:35

To: McKeever, Karl [REDACTED]

Subject: parent's concern about cluster of childhood cancers

CAUTION: This email originated from outside the Belfast Trust.
Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognise the sender and know the content is safe.

"This email is covered by the disclaimer found at the end of the message."

Hi Karl,

A parent of a child currently being treated in RBHSC for ALL has been in touch with PHA and other organisations because he has concerns about the number of children with cancer in the area where he lives. He is worried this is being caused by something in the environment. I met with the gentleman along with one of our consultants who has an interest in environmental public health.

We have subsequently asked the cancer registry to undertake a cluster investigation which they have done. I think registry staff have been trying to engage with the treating team but I think as they are very busy they have not been able to.

It would be really helpful to speak to the treating team so I wonder if we could have a quick call about this? Thanks

[REDACTED]

The information contained in this email and any attachments is confidential and intended solely for the attention and use of the named addressee(s). No confidentiality or privilege is waived or lost by any mistransmission. If you are not the intended recipient of this email, please inform the sender by return email and destroy all copies. Any views or opinions presented are solely those of the author and do not necessarily represent the views of HSC. The content of emails sent and received via the HSC network may be monitored for the purposes of ensuring compliance with HSC policies and procedures. Please be aware that e-mail may not be a secure medium. This e-mail (whether you are the sender or the recipient) may be monitored and monitoring and blocking software may be used. While HSC takes precautions in scanning outgoing emails for computer viruses, no responsibility will be accepted by HSC in the event that the email is infected by a computer virus. Recipients are therefore encouraged to take their own precautions in relation to virus scanning. All emails held by HSC may be subject to public disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. All emails held by HSC may also be disclosed, where required, under the UK GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018.

This message contains information from Belfast Health And Social Care Trust which may be privileged and confidential. If you believe you are not the intended recipient any disclosure, distribution or use of the contents is prohibited. If you have received this message in error, please notify the sender immediately. This email has been scanned for the presence of computer viruses.

The information contained in this email and any attachments is confidential and intended solely for the attention and use of the named addressee(s). No confidentiality or privilege is waived or lost by any mistransmission. If you are not the intended recipient of this email, please inform the sender by return email and destroy all copies. Any views or opinions presented are solely those of the author and do not necessarily represent the views of HSC. The content of emails sent and received via the HSC network may be monitored for the purposes of ensuring compliance with HSC policies and procedures. Please be aware that e-mail may not be a secure medium. This e-mail (whether you are the sender or the recipient) may be monitored and monitoring and blocking software may be used. While HSC takes precautions in scanning outgoing emails for computer viruses, no responsibility will be accepted by HSC in the event that the email is infected by a computer virus. Recipients are

therefore encouraged to take their own precautions in relation to virus scanning. All emails held by HSC may be subject to public disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. All emails held by HSC may also be disclosed, where required, under the UK GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018. This message contains information from Belfast Health And Social Care Trust which may be privileged and confidential. If you believe you are not the intended recipient any disclosure, distribution or use of the contents is prohibited. If you have received this message in error, please notify the sender immediately. This email has been scanned for the presence of computer viruses.

The information contained in this email and any attachments is confidential and intended solely for the attention and use of the named addressee(s). No confidentiality or privilege is waived or lost by any mistransmission. If you are not the intended recipient of this email, please inform the sender by return email and destroy all copies. Any views or opinions presented are solely those of the author and do not necessarily represent the views of HSC. The content of emails sent and received via the HSC network may be monitored for the purposes of ensuring compliance with HSC policies and procedures. Please be aware that e-mail may not be a secure medium. This e-mail (whether you are the sender or the recipient) may be monitored and monitoring and blocking software may be used. While HSC takes precautions in scanning outgoing emails for computer viruses, no responsibility will be accepted by HSC in the event that the email is infected by a computer virus. Recipients are therefore encouraged to take their own precautions in relation to virus scanning. All emails held by HSC may be subject to public disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. All emails held by HSC may also be disclosed, where required, under the UK GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018.

This message contains information from Belfast Health And Social Care Trust which may be privileged and confidential. If you believe you are not the intended recipient any disclosure, distribution or use of the contents is prohibited. If you have received this message in error, please notify the sender immediately. This email has been scanned for the presence of computer viruses.

The information contained in this email and any attachments is confidential and intended solely for the attention and use of the named addressee(s). No confidentiality or privilege is waived or lost by any mistransmission. If you are not the intended recipient of this email, please inform the sender by return email and destroy all copies. Any views or opinions presented are solely those of the author and do not necessarily represent the views of HSC. The content of emails sent and received via the HSC network may be monitored for the purposes of ensuring compliance with HSC policies and procedures. Please be aware that e-mail may not be a secure medium. This e-mail (whether you are the sender or the recipient) may be monitored and monitoring and blocking software may be used. While HSC takes precautions in scanning outgoing emails for computer viruses, no responsibility will be accepted by HSC in the event that the email is infected by a computer virus. Recipients are therefore encouraged to take their own precautions in relation to virus scanning. All emails held by HSC may be subject to public disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. All emails held by HSC may also be disclosed, where required, under the UK GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018.