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**From:** Mitchell, Bethany  
**Sent:** 10 February 2026 10:15  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: Draft in confidence: parent's concern about cluster of childhood cancers  
**Attachments:** Cluster report Sperrin\_03\_12\_2025.pdf

**From:** [Redacted]@hscni.net>  
**Sent:** 04 December 2025 11:00  
**To:** Mitchell, Bethany [Redacted]; McKeever, Karl [Redacted]; Cairns, Carole [Redacted]; Johnston, Robert [Redacted]  
[Redacted]@hscni.net>; [Redacted]@hscni.net>; [Redacted]@hscni.net>; [Redacted]@qub.ac.uk>; [Redacted]@qub.ac.uk>; [Redacted]@hscni.net>; [Redacted]@qub.ac.uk>

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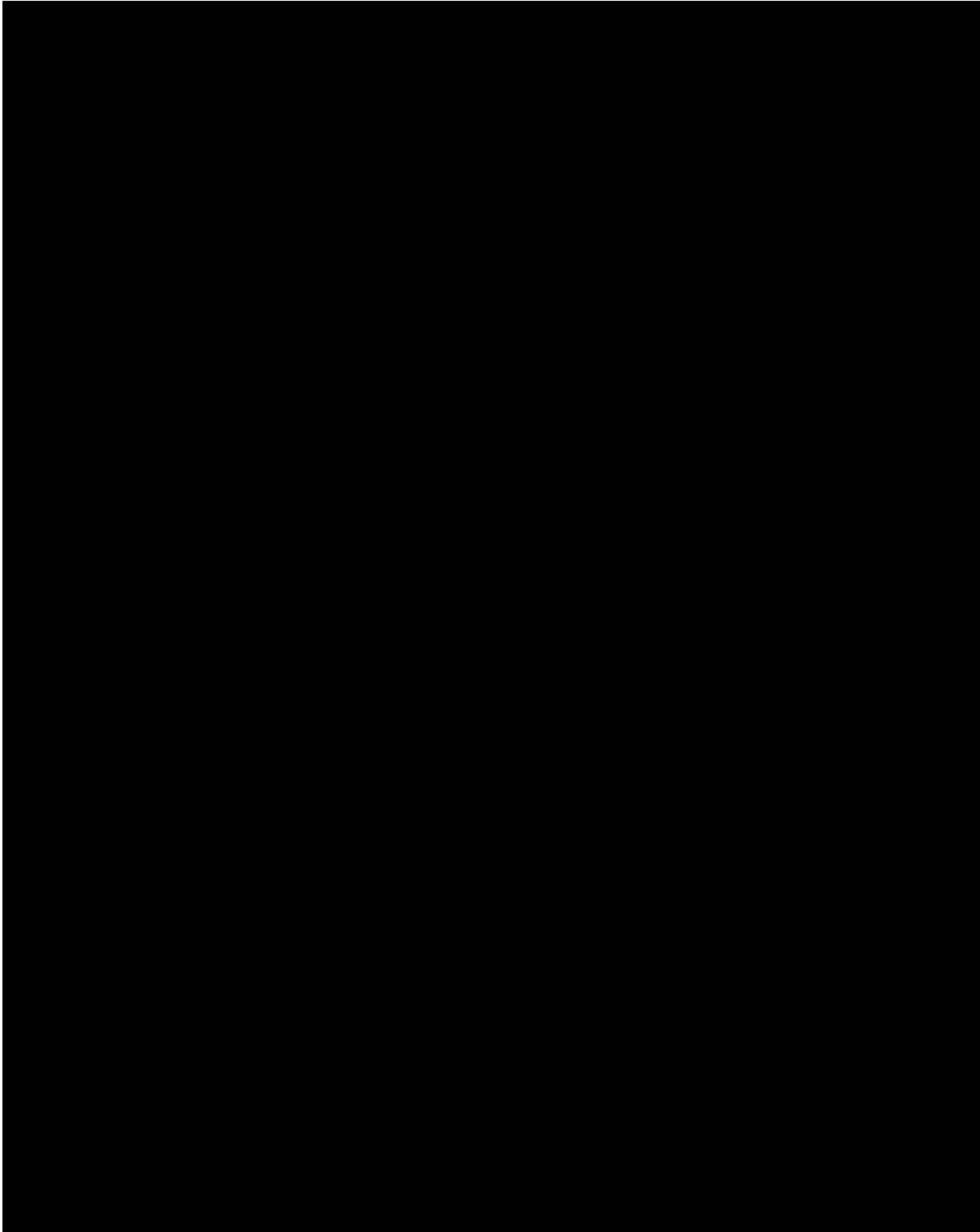
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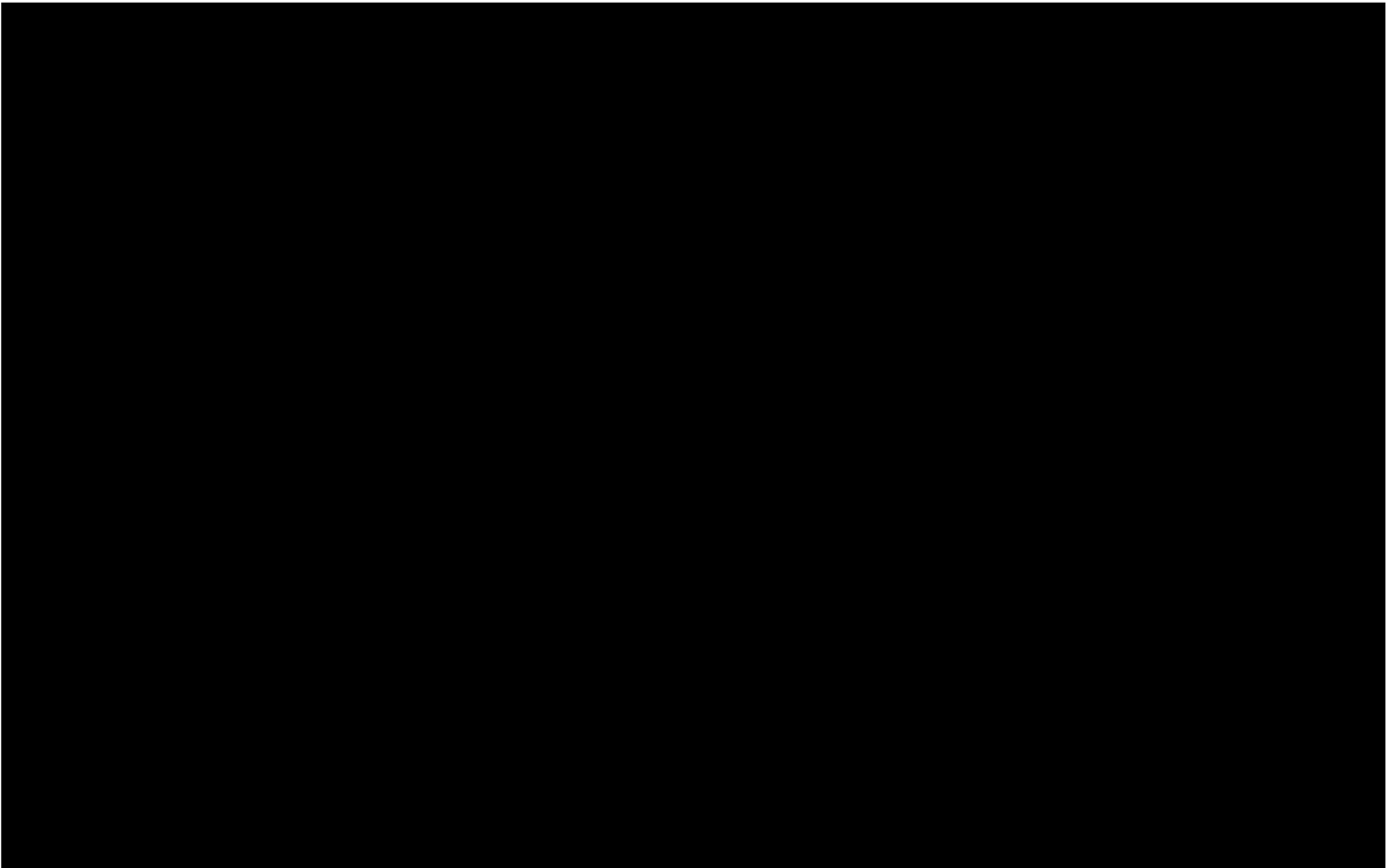
Dear Colleagues

[Redacted]

Regards

[Redacted]





-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** [redacted]@qub.ac.uk>

**Sent:** 06 November 2025 14:15

**To:** [redacted] Bethany.Mitchell; karl.mckeever; [redacted] Mitchell; Carole.Cairns [redacted] Robert.Johnston [redacted]

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

**When:** 06 November 2025 15:00-15:30 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.

**Where:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

Meeting invite for those able to join this afternoon.

BW  
[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]@qub.ac.uk>

**Sent:** Thursday, November 6, 2025 2:10:29 PM

**To:** [redacted]@hscni.net>; Bethany.Mitchell [redacted] karl.mckeever [redacted]; [redacted]@hscni.net>; robert.johnstone [redacted] <robert.johnstone [redacted]>; [redacted]

[redacted]@qub.ac.uk>

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

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Will do

Best Wishes

[REDACTED]  
**From:** [REDACTED]@hscni.net>

**Sent:** 06 November 2025 14:01

**To:** [REDACTED]@qub.ac.uk>; Bethany.Mitchell

[REDACTED]; karl.mckeever [REDACTED];

[REDACTED]@hscni.net>; robert.johnstone [REDACTED];

[REDACTED]@qub.ac.uk>

[REDACTED]@qub.ac.uk>; Northern Ireland Cancer Registry

<Nacr@qub.ac.uk>

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Thanks [REDACTED] - if someone could send Teams invite - I've another mtg now.

**From:** [REDACTED]@qub.ac.uk>

**Sent:** 06 November 2025 13:55

**To:** [REDACTED]@hscni.net>; Bethany.Mitchell

[REDACTED]; karl.mckeever [REDACTED];

[REDACTED]@hscni.net>; robert.johnstone [REDACTED];

[REDACTED]@qub.ac.uk>

[REDACTED]@qub.ac.uk>; nacr qub <nacr@qub.ac.uk>

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Thanks [REDACTED] - really appreciated.

Looks like going for next Wed am now to meet with [REDACTED]. However, if was useful and Bethany free we could discuss the technical detail of the report today (between 2.30 & 4pm) and then have the short meet with [REDACTED] next Wed also - but only if suits Bethany.

Would this work Bethany?

Thanks all

Best Wishes

[REDACTED]  
**From:** [REDACTED]@hscni.net>

**Sent:** 06 November 2025 13:48

**To:** [REDACTED]@qub.ac.uk>; Bethany.Mitchell

[REDACTED]; karl.mckeever [REDACTED];

[REDACTED]@hscni.net>; robert.johnstone [REDACTED];

[REDACTED]@qub.ac.uk>

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

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Thanks [redacted] - I could interrupt a mtg to discuss between 2.30 & 4pm

**From:** [redacted]@qub.ac.uk>

**Sent:** 06 November 2025 13:33

**To:** [redacted]@hscni.net>; Bethany.Mitchell

[redacted]; karl.mckeever [redacted];

[redacted]@hscni.net>; robert.johnstone [redacted];

[redacted]@qub.ac.uk>

**Cc:** [redacted]@qub.ac.uk>; nlc qub <nlc@qub.ac.uk>

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Thanks [redacted] - would a quick call this afternoon suit at all? As may be the best current option

Best Wishes

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]@hscni.net>

**Sent:** 06 November 2025 13:31

**To:** [redacted]@qub.ac.uk>; Bethany.Mitchell

[redacted]; karl.mckeever [redacted]

[redacted]@hscni.net>; robert.johnstone [redacted];

[redacted]@qub.ac.uk>

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

<Nlcr@qub.ac.uk>

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Apols I cannot make tomorrow pm -

**From:** [redacted]@qub.ac.uk>

**Sent:** 06 November 2025 13:30

**To:** Bethany.Mitchell [redacted]; karl.mckeever

[redacted]; [redacted]@hscni.net>;

robert.johnstone [redacted]; [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

Yes this afternoon would work much better - don't know if can do tomorrow - esp < 2.30pm

Best Wishes

[redacted]  
**From:** Mitchell, Bethany [redacted]  
**Sent:** 06 November 2025 13:22  
**To:** McKeever, Karl [redacted]; [redacted]  
[redacted]@qub.ac.uk>; [redacted]@hscni.net>;  
robert.johnstone [redacted]; [redacted]@hscni.net>; [redacted]  
[redacted]@qub.ac.uk>  
[redacted]@qub.ac.uk>; Northern Ireland Cancer Registry  
<Nicr@qub.ac.uk>  
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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]  
[redacted]@hscni.net> [redacted]@qub.ac.uk>  
[redacted]@qub.ac.uk>; Northern Ireland Cancer Registry  
<Nicr@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] (PHA) [redacted]@hscni.net>; [redacted]@qub.ac.uk>  
**Cc:** [redacted]@qub.ac.uk>; Northern Ireland Cancer Registry

<Nicr@qub.ac.uk>

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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

[redacted]  
[redacted] N. Ireland Cancer Registry | Centre for Public Health | Mulhouse Building, RVH, Grosvenor Road, Belfast, BT12 6DP [redacted] <http://www.qub.ac.uk/research-centres/nicr/>



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**From:** [redacted]@hscni.net>

**Sent:** 06 November 2025 12:41

**To:** karl.mckeever [redacted] >; Bethany.Mitchell

[redacted] >; robert.johnstone [redacted] [redacted]@qub.ac.uk>; [redacted]@hscni.net>

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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](http://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]@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  
[REDACTED]

**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]

[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]<[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]<[REDACTED]@hscni.net>  
**Sent:** 17 October 2025 11:35  
**To:** McKeever, Karl [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** parent's concern about cluster of childhood cancers

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Hi Karl,

[REDACTED] for ALL has been in touch with PHA and other  
organisations because [REDACTED] has concerns about the number of children with cancer in the area where  
[REDACTED] lives. [REDACTED] worried this is being caused by something in the environment. I met with [REDACTED]  
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]

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