

Independent oversight of NHS and Department of Health investigations into matters relating to Jimmy Savile

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Dear Secretary of State

You asked me in late October 2012 to provide independent oversight of the NHS and Department of Health investigations into matters relating to the late Jimmy Savile ("Savile"). My remit was to assure you that the organisations undertaking investigations took all necessary steps to establish the truth and followed a robust process aimed at protecting the interests of patients.

Twenty eight reports into Savile's associations with NHS organisations were published on 26 June 2014, along with my assurance report. In that assurance report I set out in detail the steps taken by me and my team to oversee the NHS investigations and assure the quality of the resulting reports. I explain that we advised on the set-up and resourcing plans for the NHS investigations and on the processes they needed to follow, and that we set expectations, offered advice and tried to resolve any obstacles investigation teams faced, particularly in their dealings with other agencies.

The investigations at Stoke Mandeville, Rampton, Springfield and Crawley hospitals have also now been completed. These investigations have been subject to the oversight and assurance process described in my June assurance report, including review by me of the final drafts of the investigation reports.

I conclude that the investigations into Savile's associations with the four named NHS hospitals have been conducted rigorously and appropriately and that the reports arising from them should be published.

Yours sincerely



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