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Dear Darren,

**Petition P-04-603 Helping babies born at 22 weeks to survive**

Thank you for your letter of the 14 September, requesting further information about the timescales for the work that is being undertaken jointly by the Maternity and Neonatal Networks.

The joint Maternity and Neonatal document on 'Care at the margins of viability' was due to be presented at both the September and October steering committees on maternity and neonatal networks with the final document being presented at the Neonatal Steering Group on the 6 November 2015.

The guidance will be based on current British Association of Perinatal Medicine guidance using evidence from medical literature and professional consensus. As part of this work, feedback was also being sought from parents and BLISS (charity working to provide the best possible care and support for all premature and sick babies and their families), on both the guidelines and parent information leaflets.

We are more than happy to share the contents of the final draft of the joint Maternity and Neonatal document providing guidance to Health Professionals with Ms Emma Jones, prior to it going to the Neonatal Steering Group in November. If Ms Jones would like to see a copy of the draft she should contact either Dr Heather Payne, Senior Medical Officer for Maternal and Child Health or Edward Rees, Head of Obesity Prevention and Children's Health, both of whom met with her previously to discuss her concerns.

Best wishes

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