

29. When do you expect the independent review of "the actions of all staff who were part of this process" to be completed?

(a) Will you make the results of this review available to the Health Ministry?

(b) Will you make the results of this review available to this committee?

(c) Will you make the results of this review available to the HCCC?

St Vincent's response: We expect the independent review to be completed in early 2017. We would be happy to provide the Committee and NSW Health with an update once the review is completed. St Vincent's Hospital will take any necessary disciplinary action and/or reporting required as a result of the review.

The committee would appreciate you providing an update on the review, its findings and outcome please.

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The independent review of actions by St Vincent's Hospital staff in response to the off-protocol prescribing of chemotherapy for head and neck cancers by Dr John Grygiel has been completed.

The Independent Review Team concluded that overall there was not a particular person, other than Dr Grygiel himself, that had allowed his practice to commence and continue.

Consistent with the Cancer Institute NSW's Inquiry, the review found that not all staff were aware of requirements under the health department's policies and should have been better prepared to raise concerns and challenge practice. As such, the review made some recommendations in relation to training, developing clearer guidelines for raising concerns, and culture which are being actioned.