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**From:** Cake, Gary  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 19, 2005 10:32 AM  
**To:** Thompson, Robert  
**Subject:** Major Health Matter

**Categories:** Folder: GroupWise Archive\~INBOX

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HCS will be advised of the communications strategy.

A briefing note is currently being prepared.

Carolyn has also alerted Elizabeth to this matter.

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**From:** Thompson, Robert  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 19, 2005 10:49 AM  
**To:** Crawley, Brian  
**Subject:** Fwd: Major Health Matter  
  
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This is major. Once the solution is set into motion, we will expect the Department and the Board to undertake appropriate evaluation to determine why this happened.

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**From:** Thompson, Robert  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 19, 2005 10:51 AM  
**To:** Cake, Gary  
**Subject:** Re: Major Health Matter

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Thanks. Please ensure the Department and the Board include in their com plan the assurance that once the solution is set into motion, that an evaluation will be done to determine the specific or systemic reasons why this occurred so that the matter will be properly addressed in the long term. I'd like to see this aspect before it goes out. Thanks.

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**To:** Thompson, Robert  
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**From:** Chaplin, Carolyn  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 19, 2005 2:37 PM  
**To:** Cake, Gary  
**Cc:** Abbott, John G.  
**Subject:** Re: Update - Eastern Health Matter

Gary,

Further to this morning and incoming information this afternoon, no action is required at this time. We have arranged a briefing with the health authority for the latter part of this week and will be in a better position to forward relevant briefing materials at that time. No public announcement will be forthcoming this week and there is a possibility that the significance of any announcement will be minimized.

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