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STATEMENT

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

The SRHA has conducted investigations into the report which was aired on CVM TV on Tuesday, August 21.

It has been established that baby Aiden was admitted to the neonatal unit at the Mandeville Regional Hospital in Manchester, November 19, 2017, from complications of pre-term birth and other challenges.

The baby was given oxygen therapy for an extended period, as attempts at weaning before fifty days of life resulted in life threatening respiratory distress and oxygen desaturation, necessitating the continuation of oxygen therapy until weaning was feasible.

Complications of prolonged oxygen therapy in premature neonates, known as retinopathy of prematurity is a known complication, which the mother Kerrian Ellis was counseled about. The use of an adult face mask would not have caused this complication and in fact may have reduced the risk by lowering the effective oxygen flow.

Baby Aiden was discharged on January 11, 2018 and reviewed on two occasions at the hospital. The baby was referred for ophthalmology and audiology evaluation.

The MRH paediatric team did a remarkable job in saving the life of baby Aiden, as he was born very sick.

The SRHA once again empathizes with Ms. Ellis and her family.

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