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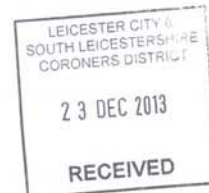
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Mr D Coutts-Wood  
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20<sup>th</sup> December 2013,

Re; Regulation 28 Report to prevent future deaths,

Dear Sir,



I refer to your report of 4<sup>th</sup> October 2013 concerning a Regulation 28 matter.

The Registered Nursing Home Association is a trade association for owners of care homes providing nursing care (previously called nursing homes). There is no obligation placed upon home owners to join the Registered Nursing Home Association. The powers of the Association are limited to membership matters, i.e. removing membership where the standards expected of the Association are not met.

Western View Care and Nursing Home is not a member of the Registered Nursing Home Association and, as such, there is nothing that I can do, of a regulatory manner, in relation to Western View Care and Nursing Home.

I see that your report has also been sent to David Behan at CQC and Steve Scott at HSE, both of whom have regulatory powers which I am sure that they will now exercise as necessary.

I do, however, recognise the risk which you have identified and I can report that, as an Association, we regularly advise members of their responsibility under the Health & Safety at Work Act. We particularly draw their attention to the need to ensure that the pipes leading to a radiator, as well as the radiator itself, are suitably covered to prevent the risk of burns in the event of a patient falling against the radiator.

We will continue to advise members of the need for risk assessments and actions to ensure that there are safe radiator temperatures, including pipework, within the home.

Yours sincerely,

  
Frank Ursell  
Chief Executive Officer

