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Mr Andrew Walker  
Senior Coroner  
North London Coroners Court  
29 Wood Street  
Barnet  
EN5 4BE

Dear Mr Walker

**Re. Regulation 28 Report to Prevent Future Deaths**

Further to the receipt of the above, I am able to confirm that The North West London Hospitals NHS Trust (NWLHT) has developed a flagging system for patients under the care of specialist hospitals with specialist clinical requirements. This will ensure the advice about the clinical care of these children is brought to the attention of all treating clinicians.

The flagging system has been devised in partnership with the Consultant Paediatricians and the IT Department. The process has been documented and is supported by a standard operating procedure which clearly defines the purpose, scope, duties, responsibilities and process.

The need for and implementation of the flagging system has been discussed widely within the Paediatric Directorate and was presented at our most recent Governance meeting.

I am able to confirm that the flagging system has been implemented and further work is underway to improve its functionality.

I am happy to provide further detail should this be required.

Yours sincerely



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