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Dear Mrs Voisin,

Regulation 28 Report – Gerald Trevor Werrett

Thank you for alerting us to the case of Mr Werrett in your report received on 5th August.

The College shares your concerns, and will take the following actions:

- Highlight this case and the findings of the investigation in the next Safety Newsflash to its members.
- Share North Bristol NHS Trust's safety check list and guidelines on our website once received.

Following this incident, the key things we feel that should be reviewed locally are whether the environment supports the review of X-rays (e.g. availability of IT in the room where the procedure was carried out), if the doctor was trained in the use of ultrasound guidance for insertion of chest drains and whether ultrasound was available, in addition to the availability of rapid 24 hour reporting.

The College is dedicated to reducing the risk of 'never events' and promoting safety in the workplace, through guidance and regular safety news updates.

Thanks again for bringing our attention to this issue.

With kind regards

Chair, Quality in Emergency Care Committee

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