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Dear Mr Woolley

Regulation 28 Report to prevent future deaths

I am writing to you in response to your Regulation 28 report of the 29th January 2015. In this report, you raise your concerns in regards to the awareness of NHS Wales staff of National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) guidance on head injuries.

NICE clinical guideline 176 refers to the care patients, who are having warfarin treatment, should receive following a head injury. The guideline states -

For patients (adults and children) who have sustained a head injury with no other indications for a CT head scan and who are having warfarin treatment, perform a CT head scan within 8 hours of the injury.

A lack of awareness of this important guideline is apparent from the detail of your report. In response to your concerns, Welsh Government officials are in the process of developing a Patient Safety Notice which will be issued to all local health boards and general practices in Wales.

The notice will be issued shortly and will raise awareness of the importance of this NICE guideline. Full compliance with this notice will be expected within a month of the notice being circulated and will be monitored.

Yours sincerely

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