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Ashton-Under-Lyne  
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Our Ref: [REDACTED]

Date: 31 March 2015

Mr Pollard  
Senior Coroner  
Coroner's Court  
1 Mount Tabor Street  
Stockport  
SK1 3AG

Dear Mr Pollard

**Paul Moroney (Deceased)**

I write further to your letter dated 4 February 2015 enclosing a Regulation 28 Report issued at the conclusion of the inquest into the death of Paul Moroney, which took place on 21 January 2015. I am very sorry that you found cause to issue this report and I hope to address the concerns raised to your satisfaction in this letter.

I note that during the course of the inquest you had three areas of concern. As the Trust were not legally represented at the inquest I am sorry we were not able to provide clarity at the time. I have addressed the concerns as set out in Section 5 of your Regulation 28 Report as follows:

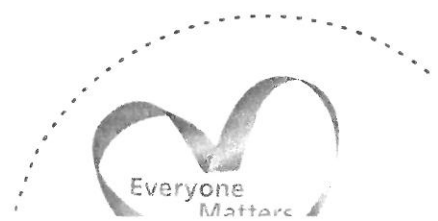
**1. Whilst at the hospital on the first occasion, no oxygen saturations were monitored or recorded.**

On 27 August 2014, the patient was taken by ambulance to Tameside Hospital. The patient's saturations were recorded as 70% on oxygen on 15LPM.

The nursing records then indicate the following:

- At 10:41 am, the patient's oxygen saturation levels were recorded as 98% on 15LPM of oxygen which is equal to a NEWS score of 0.
- At 11:30am, the patient's oxygen saturation levels were recorded as 100% on 15LPM of oxygen which is equal to a NEWS score of 0.
- At 12:22, the patient's oxygen saturation levels were recorded as 100% on 15LPM of oxygen which is equal to a NEWS score of 0.
- The patient was then discharged at 13:17pm by Dr Patrick, Consultant in Acute Medical Unit with in-reach to Emergency Medicine.

I hope that this reassures you that the oxygen saturations were monitored and recorded. I can only apologise that the position in respect of the monitoring of the patient's oxygen saturation levels was not fully communicated with the family, nor demonstrated to you at the inquest. A copy of the notes referred to are enclosed for your consideration.



Should you have any further questions arising from the contents of this letter please do not hesitate to contact me. I am again sorry that your investigation into this death caused you such significant concern to issue a Rule 28 letter but I hope that you now suitably reassured.

Yours sincerely

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**Director of Nursing**

**On behalf of Karen James,  
Chief Executive**

