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Yorkshire and the Humber

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Ms. N.J. Mundy
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Dear Ms. Mundy

Re: Colin Tyson (deceased) your ref NJM/ph/tji/46194-23014

I am writing to you following your letter on 4th March 2015 requesting details of the action taken following Colin's death.

I have been in contact with NHS Wakefield Clinical Commissioning Group as I outlined in my letter to you of 18th May 2015. I have also had the opportunity to meet with the family of Mr. Tyson to discuss the actions we have planned to undertake. I will be writing to Mr. Tysons family separately to advise them of the actions we have taken.

[REDACTED] the clinical advisor to NHS Wakefield CCG, has visited the practice concerned and spoken with the GP who assessed and treated Colin who was pleased to have the opportunity to contribute to the joint NHS England and Wakefield CCG response.

We have worked together to develop an advice sheet for GP practices on the appropriate response when third parties raise concerns or request sharing of information about a patient registered at the practice. As you rightly noted this is an area which many practices do not feel confident about and hence there is a risk that relevant and important information does not reach the patient's GP.

I attach a copy of this advice sheet for your information. It will be shared with all GP practices in Wakefield by the CCG and across Yorkshire and the Humber by the safeguarding network. In addition we will disseminate this information to all GPs in conjunction with the Local Medical Committees in every district. The advice contained within the advice sheet will also form part of the training that is offered to practices in relation to the safeguarding of adults and children.

South West Yorkshire Partnership Foundation Trust who provided the hospital and community mental health services in this case are implementing the actions relating to assessment, communication and follow-up which the review of Colin's death raised. The Head of Quality

and Engagement at Wakefield CCG is monitoring the implementation of these actions to improve care for future patients

I have advised Mr. Tyson's family that I would be happy to support any work they undertake to raise awareness of mental health issues with the MIND charity.

I am grateful to you for raising these matters with the NHS. I think that the actions taken as a result of your intervention will improve the safety and quality of services for patients in the future. Please let me know if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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**Associate Medical Director
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