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Your ref: MC/LB/05177/2014

Dear Ms Mulrennan

Harry George Mellor

Thank you for your letter of 22 October reporting your concerns about the unfortunate circumstances surrounding the death of this 8 year-old boy.

PHE does not have a direct role in determining the process for the registration of patients in General Practice. NHS England, as commissioners of primary care services, will be able to comment further on the regulation and procedure for GP registration and where there are concerns about loss of continuity of care, will be able to take action to address them.

PHE has alerted the relevant NHS England team in North Midlands and the Director of Public Health for Nottinghamshire and we have subsequently received confirmation from the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Board that the child's death is known to them and is being considered for review. I fully expect the issue of GP registration will form part of this review.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

Duncan Selbie
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cc: [REDACTED] Director of Commissioning Operations, NHS England (North Midlands)
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