

  
Mr Zafar Siddique  
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29 March 2016

Dear Mr Siddique

**RE: REGULATION 28: REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS – INQUEST & INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF BABY RYAN SINGH BHOGAL, CONCLUDED 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016**

I write in response to your report to prevent future deaths regarding the case of baby Ryan Singh Bhogal whose death was subject to an inquest concluding on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016. The matter of concern raised relating to The Royal Wolverhampton Trust was as follows:

“The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust may wish to consider reviewing their policy in relation to when it is appropriate to review GP medical records during hospital admissions. This is particularly important for young children, in order to have a clearer history of the patient's presentation before reaching a diagnosis and a treatment regime.”

The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust will introduce a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) across the Trust, providing guidance to all Clinicians to ensure that relevant information relating to individual patients is taken into account during the patient's initial assessment and subsequent hospital admission (should the patient be admitted). The SOP will reinforce the requirement to question all patients (and where appropriate relatives and other individuals) about medical care and investigations and advice sought, and the necessity to access and review relevant records relating to the patient, including GP medical records, The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust clinical records and/or any other relevant information held by other organisations (having gone through the relevant channels and process). The purpose of accessing this information is to ensure that relevant information is taken into account when assessing, managing and treating the patient. The SOP will apply to all patients treated at the Trust, including babies, children and adults.

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The SOP will be approved, authorised and implemented across the Trust by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016. Following approval and implementation, I will send you a copy of the SOP for your attention. Additionally, we plan to audit compliance against the SOP 6 months following implementation, and I will forward the results of this audit and any actions arising to you as well.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely



  
**MEDICAL DIRECTOR**