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22nd April 2016

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Dear Mr Siddique

Re: Regulation 28: Report to Prevent Future Deaths.

Mrs Marie Rollason Inquest 19th February 2016

Thank you for your correspondence dated 24th February 2016 regarding the outcome of the inquest into the death of Mrs Marie Rollason, concluding 19th February 2016.

With respect to the action to be taken under regulation 28: report to prevent future deaths this was set out as follows:

"In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you have the power to take such action".

1. A review should take place in the identification and treatment of pulmonary embolism and consideration of further training in the interpretation of ECG results for the staff involved.

I can confirm that the clinical staff in the Emergency Department have regular training in the identification and treatment of pulmonary embolism and this subject is a standard item on the teaching curriculum. A training session on venous thromboembolism has recently been delivered within the Emergency Department.

The clinical staff directly involved in the management of Marie Rollason will have individual training in the interpretation of ECG findings in patients with pulmonary embolism specifically. Abnormalities in ECG tracings associated with pulmonary embolism are also included in the above noted training sessions.

If you do require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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