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Dear Ms Brown

Mrs Patricia Medland (deceased) Inquest held on 12 January 2016

Thank you for your letter of 7 March 2016 and enclosed Regulation 28 Report requesting a substantive response.

Mrs Medland's death, the points raised within your report, and your recommendation have been discussed further in our Practice.

We agreed that the sharing of appropriate information with nearest relatives and carers should be encouraged and we will always discuss this with the patient. In most cases this will require their explicit consent and we would only share information without consent if we believed the patient or others would be at immediate serious risk if we did not (ref 1). I enclose a copy of our Care Plan covering letter which encourages the patient to share information, together with the Care Plan templates that we use.

I have also informed Matthew Spry, Governance Systems and Process Project Officer, NHS Northern, Eastern and Western Clinical Commissioning Group of the issues raised. He has informed me that this will be shared more widely and I will co-operate with the CCG further as required.

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I hope that you are satisfied with this response. I have been in contact with Angela Turnbull (daughter) and agreed with her I would contact her further to confirm I had complied with your Regulation 28 Report recommendations.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Dr Paul Backhouse

Encs: Bampton Surgery Care Plan covering letter template

Bampton Surgery Mental Health Review and Care Plan template Bampton Surgery Generic Personalised Care Plan template

Copy to: Matthew Spry

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Reference: Disclosures to Protect the Patient paragraph 51 GMC: Confidentiality (2009)