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Dear Mr Horsley

Regulation 28 letter

Re: Christopher MacMorland DOB 13.10.51

Inquest date: 1 November 2016

The Regulation 28 letter refers to the care of this patient which was provided by both an Upper Gastrointestinal (UGI) Surgeon and a Gastroenterologist. Your concerns related to the failure to transfer the patient to a Gastroenterology ward as requested by the Gastroenterologist.

The patient had had a surgical procedure in the previous month and hence was on the specialist UGI surgical ward and was admitted under the care of the UGI Surgeon. The staff on the Gastrointestinal Surgical ward would have been familiar with medical gastrointestinal disorders and thus we do not believe care was in any way compromised.

By way of further assurance, since this death in 2015, the Hospital has begun a 'buddy' ward system whereby patients of a certain specialty are cohorted only into the appropriate specialist ward or a specific buddy ward. This means that consultants will have their patients only on one other ward if their own base ward is full.

I trust this provides you with appropriate reassurance.

Yours sincerely



Tim Powell
Chief Executive