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HM Senior Coroner
Inner North London
St Pancras Coroner's Court
Camley Street
London N1C 4PP

22 September 2017

Dear Madam

Response to Regulation 28 Prevention of Future Deaths Report – Jonathan MEANEY

I have set out within this letter the Trust's responses to the Matters of Concern that you have brought to our attention in your Regulation 28 Prevention of Future Deaths Report dated 24 August 2017.

I have been assisted in compiling the Trust's responses by:

-  Senior Operations Manager, Emergency Department; and
-  Consultant in Emergency Medicine.

We have carefully considered the Matters of Concern, all of which relate to care that was delivered by the Camden & Islington NHS Foundation Trust's Mental Health Liaison service, based within the Royal Free Hospital Emergency Department. The staff working within the Mental Health Liaison service are employed by the Camden & Islington NHS Foundation Trust ("CANDI"), not this Trust (the Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust), and CANDI manage the Mental Health Liaison service. If a patient attending in the Trust's Emergency Department is considered to have a mental health problem (pertinent to the attendance) or requires a mental health assessment, they are referred to the Mental Health Liaison service, which will then assess the patient and take responsibility for referring onwards to either CANDI's inpatient facilities or another mental health trust, as appropriate.

It follows that the Matters of Concern will need to be addressed substantively by CANDI, which we note has received your Prevention of Future Deaths Report. We understand that CANDI are undertaking a Serious Incident investigation and we are committed to working closely with CANDI, as necessary, to assist them in completing this investigation, developing and implementing an action plan to prevent similar incidents in future and to otherwise assist them in preparing their response to your Prevention of Future Deaths Report. Additionally, we have asked to be provided with copies of CANDI's finalised Serious Incident investigation report and response to your Prevention of Future Deaths Report, to ensure that any opportunities for learning within this Trust are captured and shared appropriately.

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

Thank you for bringing these matters to the Trust's attention. The Trust is continuously seeking to improve the quality and safety of the care that it provides to its patients and your Preventing Future Deaths Report has been a helpful contribution to this ongoing and extremely important process.

Yours sincerely



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