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Alison Mutch OBE
HM Coroner's Office, Manchester South
The Coroner's Court,
1 Mount Tabor, Stockport,
SK1 3AG

Dear Ms. Mutch,

Thank you for contacting the HSIB regarding the case of the death of George Edward French-Russell.

As you may be aware, the HSIB was set up to investigate systemic safety issues that cut across organisational boundaries. We conduct up to 30 investigations a year and focus on those with the most potential for new learning that have taken place after we became operational on 1st April, 2017. This case occurred before 1st April 2017 and therefore does not meet our criteria for investigation.

The concerns raised highlight a demonstrable need for improvement in this area, and the information provided will help the HSIB build a wider picture of safety issues in the NHS. This in turn will enable us to more accurately determine which investigations should be prioritised in the years ahead.

Thank you again for contacting us and we are sorry that we are not able to take this forward. However, if it is of interest, I would be very happy to meet with you and further explain how the HSIB may assist with future Coronial investigations

Yours sincerely,

Keith Conradi
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