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Dear Mrs Lees

RE JEROME JASON OMRI JONES

Subject to your Regulation 28 Report below is the response for Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust in relation to your concerns

1) Observations following repeated use of NPS

Current practice is that following a prisoner using any illegal substance nursing staff will instruct prisoner officers to conduct additional observations for a short period of time to ensure the prisoners has fully medically recovered from the effects of the substance. They are also instructed to contact healthcare staff if there any concerns. This is part of HMP/YOI Stoke Heath joint strategy document for the management of NPS. Repeated use will trigger referral to Forward Trust staff to engage with the prisoner to motivate them to modify their drug taking habits. Whilst there is no separate guidelines for long term increased observation of a prisoner engaging in drug risk related behaviour, there is an overall policy and safeguarding mechanism for prisoners at risk of harm to themselves (the ACCT process). Any member of staff within the prison can instigate the safeguarding process if they feel this is appropriate. This is likely to increase observation but will not prevent the prisoner from engaging in risk taking behaviour.

2) Communicating congenital heart defect.

Healthcare staff were aware of his condition. The Forward Trust can be given access to medical records, they are in discussion with NHS England, the commissioner of the service, to action this. As with any other prisoner arriving at HMP/YOI Stoke Health, Mr Jones would have been asked at reception as part of disability information sharing if he had any conditions that he would like to share with the prison authorities. This form would have been sent to the disability liaison officer at the prison. As with any other Trust patient we would not share medical information without the patient or patient representative consent.

3) Access to medical records

As stated in (2) the Forward Trust is addressing this with the service commissioners, NHS England.

The receipt of this notice has emphasised the value of healthcare staff attending these and similar inquests, even though there may not be any identified issues to address. We will ensure attendance in the future.

Yours sincerely




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