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### **Private & Confidential**

Miss Rachel Knight  
Her Majesty's Coroner  
Pontypridd Coroners Court  
Court House Street  
Pontypridd  
CF37 1JW

Dear Miss Knight

### **RE: Regulation 28 – Jennifer Handy**

Thank you for the correspondence in relation to the above Regulation 28 received on 10th April 2019, which details the areas of concern following the conclusion of the inquest held 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

Please be assured that the Health Board has taken this matter extremely seriously, has learnt lessons following investigation and the matters raised at the inquest into the circumstances. Comprehensive and robust action has been taken to minimise the risk of any recurrence.

#### **Actions:**

A timeline has been prepared which includes the involvement surrounding the inquest of Legal and Risk Services, Claims Team and Coroner's Officer.

The timeline demonstrates that details for the Registrar were obtained by a Consultant in Obstetrics and forwarded to Legal and Risk Services, who in turn contacted the Registrar on numerous occasions and communication was made. The Registrar stopped responding to Legal and Risk, the Coroner's Officer was advised and provided with the email address of the Registrar.

#### **Learning for the Health Board**

The Claims Team were unaware there was an investigation by the GMC, that the Registrar had surrendered his license to practice, and he had relocated to Sri Lanka. From here on, if a doctor has left the Health Board, contact will be made with the Assistant Medical Director for Professional Regulation and Standards to establish whether there are any ongoing concerns/issues in relation to the GMC.

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I sincerely hope that this information will reassure you that the Health Board has learnt important lessons from the investigation into the care provided to Mrs Handy and that effective action has now been taken to prevent further deaths.

I would like to convey once again my deepest sympathy and sincere apologies to Mr and Mrs Handy for the failings identified.

Yours sincerely



**Mrs Allison Williams**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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