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Dear Ms McKenna

Re: Muhammed Haleem - DOD 08.12.18

I write following the inquest of Muhammed Haleem. The concerns you raised after hearing all the evidence have been brought to my attention and I have subsequently reviewed the Regulation 28 letter issued to Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust.

The actions the Trust will take to address these concerns are as follows:

That information held on the NWAS system for the purpose of providing immediate guidance to paramedics was 7 years out of date and was not known to or supported by clinicians involved in this child's care at the time of his death. Whilst I accept the evidence that paramedics will make a clinical decision based on the patient's presentation at the time, the fact that they sought advice around the existence of a DNA-CPR indicates that it is a relevant factor in their decision making.

The evidence was that the number of children living in the community with DNA-CPR's in place is small and there should be communication between the community paediatric teams and emergency services of any DNA-CPR's or Advance Care Plans that are in existence and are current.

I can confirm that alerts have now been placed on the NWAS system for all children who have current advance care plans (ACP) - these alerts will be reviewed if any changes are made or as a minimum once per year when the ACP is reviewed. In addition, we will review archived paper notes/records for any children with palliative care needs known to the Children's Community Nursing Team (CCNT) on 15/11/19 to ensure that any ACP's that may have commenced before the electronic system was set up are included.



We have also communicated with the Lead Nurse at the Royal Oldham Hospital Children's A&E department and forwarded a list of the children known to CCNT who have ACP's to enable them to set up their own alert system. We have also communicated with the Oldham Children's unit and O&A to replicate the same system.

I hope that the information we have provided in terms of the actions taken offers assurance to you.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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Clare Parker

Executive Director of Nursing, Healthcare Professionals & Quality Governance