

Mr Paul Cooper
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Dear Mr Cooper

Reference: Regulation 28 Report in relation to Mr Christopher Murfet

I am writing in relation to the Regulation 28 report to prevent future deaths that you issued on 6 November 2020 following the inquest held into the death of Mr Murfet on 20 October 2020.

In your report, you outlined one area of concern that you wished the Trust to respond to and this is set out below.

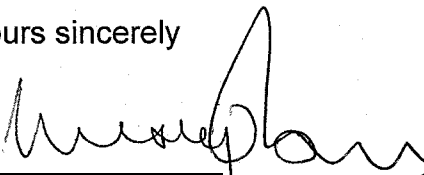
- 1. Were procedures in place to give consideration to the deceased being sectioned under the Mental Health Act and if not why not as he committed suicide on 29 December 2019.**

██████████ Consultant and Clinical Lead for A&E has reviewed Mr Murfet's two previous attendances at Pilgrim Hospital A&E Department on 28 November 2019 and 7 December 2019. On both of these occasions, Christopher was seen and referred to the appropriate psychiatric service from the A&E Department, and subsequently discharged by them. As such we had no reason to use the Mental Health Act to detain him as on both occasions he was willing to engage in the informal assessment process.

I was very saddened to learn of Mr Murfet's death and please pass on my condolences to his family.

I hope that this letter provides assurance that the Trust has responded to your concerns and gives a satisfactory response.

Yours sincerely



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