

12 August 2021

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Dear Mr Simpson,

I write in response to your regulation 28 report of 20 June 2021 regarding the death of Anne Bradley. I would like to express my sincere condolences to her family.

In your report you noted that the use of equipment which increases the accuracy of the localisation of a tumour, such as scope guides or scope pilots, is not required or recommended for use in routine colonoscopies.

While we have guidelines covering recognition and referral for suspected cancer [NG12], and the management of colorectal cancer [NG151], we have not made recommendations on colonoscopy. Guidance on specific equipment, techniques, and training are outside the remit of our clinical guidelines and it would be more appropriate for the professional societies, to whom I note you have also sent your report, to comment on this.

As such, we do not consider that any action is required by NICE in response to your report.

Yours sincerely,

Chief executive