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Mr R Simpson
Assistant Coroner for the County of West Sussex
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Dear Mr Simpson

RE: Regulation 28 Report to Prevent Future Deaths – Anne BRADLEY

I write to formally acknowledge receipt of the Regulation 28 report to Prevent Future Deaths and to respond to your matters of concern. Please be assured that the report has been considered by both the operational and managerial members of the Surgical and Medical Divisions.

1. Use of scope guides/scope pilots

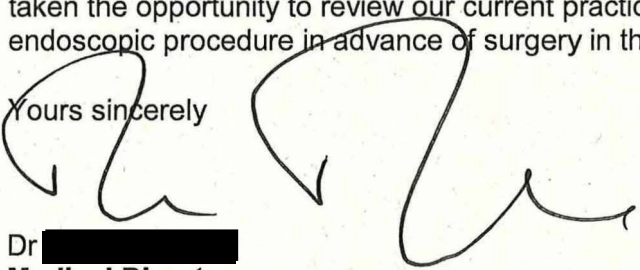

Scope guides are already in place on the St.Richard's site with a move to using scope guides across all sites. We are pleased to note that the Regulation 28 report was also addressed to four national bodies who will be best placed to consider your concerns and to implement guidance and recommendations at a national level as currently scope guides are only available from certain manufacturers.

2. Feedback to endoscopists at St Richard's Hospital

We are pleased to confirm that the Trust has instigated a robust system to ensure information in relation to tattooing is documented, monitored and, where appropriate, fed back to endoscopists. The system involves the introduction of a dedicated sticker into the colorectal theatre care plan for the operating surgeon to confirm the tumour was correctly identified by the tattoo. A negative answer will trigger completion of a Datix incident report. A Local Safety Standard for Invasive Procedures (LocSSIP) document will be put in place which supports and describes the standardised process. All incident reports will continue to be subject to regular monitoring by the Surgical and Medical Divisional governance processes.

The Trust was saddened by Mrs Bradley's death and would like to give our reassurance that we have taken the opportunity to review our current practice to ensure we manage patients who require an endoscopic procedure in advance of surgery in the safest and most effective way.

Yours sincerely


Dr 
Medical Director