

7 July 2021

Mrs Joanne Lees
Area Coroner
Black Country Coroner's Court
Jack Judge House
Halesowen Street
Oldbury
West Midlands
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Dear Mrs Lees,

I write in response to your correspondence, sent to NICE on 2 June 2021, regarding the very sad death of Mr Geoffrey Hill. I would like to express my sincere condolences to his family.

Having reviewed your correspondence, and the the circumstances surrounding Mr Hill's death, we believe our guideline on [falls in older people: assessing risk and prevention](#) (CG161) is relevant. This guideline covers assessment of fall risk and interventions to prevent falls and applies to all hospital inpatients aged 65 or older and those aged between 50 to 64 who have been identified as being at higher risk of falling (for example, people with a sensory impairment, or people admitted to hospital with a fall, stroke, syncope, delirium or disturbances of gait).

We are about to update CG161 and the issues raised in your report will be considered as we scope out what needs to be considered in the update.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Executive