



Mr Nigel Meadows

HM Senior Coroner
HM Coroner's Court and Office
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Dear Mr Meadows,

Re: Regulation 28: Report to prevent future deaths with regards to the death of Darren John Lawrence.

On receipt of the Regulation 28 email, with support from our organisational management and governance teams, we met as a practice to review our internal systems for the management of patients with suicidal tendencies with the aim of preventing reoccurrence of the circumstances regarding the death of Mr Lawrence. Taking into account the concerns raised through the coronial process, we have developed a pathway for management of these patients (see attached). The pathway clearly defines the steps that need to be taken for both clinical and non-clinical staff. In addition we have identified a further set of actions:

1. The practice has nominated a lead and deputy lead for suicide prevention both clinical and admin person to review suicidal list patients on a monthly basis in the practice clinical meeting and sooner if needed.
2. A file to be kept of all patients who are known to be suicidal. When a new patient is to be added to the list, a task will be sent to the practice mental health lead (in the interim) and the mental health worker once appointed, to follow them up as part of a regular reviews process.
3. Monthly meetings to include as an agenda item, a discussion of all suicidal patients to make all aware of any ongoing issues with these patients as part of list created above.
4. Recruitment of a mental health worker for the GP practice to support the review and management of the mental health of our patients. Process of recruitment to start in few weeks via the Primary care network (PCN) and once in place they will have regular appointment slots for both proactive and reactive assessments during the week. However the changes to practice with regards to the template have been implemented and therefore the recruitment of the mental health worker will support good practice.



5. Placement of suicide prevention posters across the surgery to create awareness and will be on display in reception, waiting room, near the consultation rooms and on the front door.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Dr. [Name]', written over a horizontal line.

Dr

GP Droylsden Road Family Practice



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