22 March 2022

Mr Crispin Oliver Assistant Coroner for County Durham and Darlington H.M. Coroners Office P.O. Box 282 Bishop Auckland Co. Durham DL14 4FY

Dear Mr Oliver,

I write in response to your correspondence, sent to NICE on 7 March 2022, regarding the very sad death of Jane Allison. I would like to offer my sincere condolences to Jane's family.

We have reflected on the circumstances surrounding Ms Allison's death, and the concerns raised in your report regarding the British National Formulary (BNF) entry for nitrofurantoin.

The BNF is a joint publication of BMJ Group and Pharmaceutical Press, the publishing division of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society. While we make the BNF available on the NICE website, responsibility for the content remains with the publishers and therefore NICE cannot comment on the concerns you have raised.

I am aware that your report has also been sent to the chief executive of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society who will be better placed to respond to your concerns.

You may also wish to contact the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulator Authority (MHRA) with respect to the summary of product characteristics for nitrofurantoin.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Chief executive