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Dear Mr Morris

RE: Death of Sylvia SCULLY

Thank you for drawing our attention to the matters of concern you have raised in your Regulation 28 Report. We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Sylvia Scully for their loss.

The specific circumstances which gave rise to the matters of concern you raised to us were unclear and as such we sought clarification from Tameside General Hospital. We understand they are locally addressing the technology access issues pertinent to the circumstances of Mrs Scully's death.

The Royal College of Radiologists already has comprehensive guidelines available to all services detailing the minimum system specifications needed to review and report imaging investigations both on and off site. I have enclosed two relevant sets of guidelines which will assist all services in ensuring that the appropriate standards for the provision of IT equipment are met. These guidelines are publically available on our website and communicated to all our members and Fellows upon publication. In light of the concerns you have raised we have invited our Radiology Informatics Committee to revisit its guidance to double check that it is clear and unambiguous in its specifications, which the Committee has agreed to do.

Ultimately it is for local clinical governance protocols to ensure that radiologists and others involved in the reporting of imaging investigations, whether on or off site do so using equipment which meets minimum clinical requirements. Those minimum requirements are set out in publically available guidelines available on our website.

Yours sincerely

Dr Jeanette Dickson
President

Enc. Guidelines and standards for implementation of new PACS/RIS solutions in the UK
Picture archiving and communication systems (PACS) and guidelines on diagnostic
display devices