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Dr Hunter
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Basil Close
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Dear Dr Hunter

Re: Regulation 28 Report to Prevent Future Deaths following the inquest into the death of William Leonard Beckwith

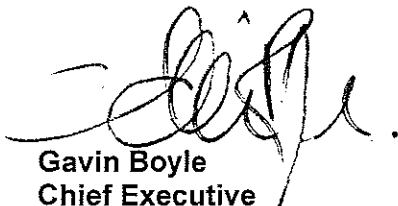
Further to my letter dated 13th June 201, I am now in a position to offer you our substantive response to the concerns you raised in your Regulation 28 report relating to the above gentleman.

There has been guidance for staff within the Emergency Department since 2012 in relation to the assessment of elderly patients presenting to the department following a fall. The guidance in the form of a flow chart was intended to assist staff in conjunction with their clinical assessment to determine whether or not the patient required admission or could be discharged.

However, in light of your letter a multidisciplinary review of this document is currently in progress with in put from senior nursing staff, and care of the elderly physicians within the Medicine & Emergency Care Division. The result of this review will be a clear policy for staff to follow which I expect to be finalised by the end of August. Once the policy has been ratified, I will provide you with a copy for your information.

I hope that you can see that we have taken your recommendations very seriously, but if you have any further concerns or queries in relation to this matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Gavin Boyle
Chief Executive