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Dear Mrs Connor

Re: Preventing Future Deaths Notice – Phyllis Kerry

On behalf of Nottingham University Hospitals I am responding to the regulation 28 PFD notice issued following the inquest into the death of Phyllis Kerry.

Thank you for bringing this important issue to our attention. Our inquiries have agreed with your observation of a lack of clarity with regard to the reversal of anticoagulation in patients admitted with intracerebral haemorrhage, and also which specialty has ownership of this management.

Discussions have been held between the specialties involved to optimise the management of these patients. This has included senior representation from the Emergency Department, Neurosurgery, Stroke services and Haematology. This discussion has referred to the 2008 NICE guidance on the management of acute stroke patients.

A new guideline has been prepared which I am confident will provide more rapid intervention in the management of anticoagulation and will clarify which specialty is responsible for this element of care.

The specialties involved are currently consulting with colleagues to finally agree the guideline and am conscious that this may not complete by the 19 December 2014 when the PFD response is required. I am confident that the guideline will be ready for circulation by the start of 2015.

In addition to sharing with medical staff in the appropriate specialties we will also ask for this guideline to be added to the NUH guideline APP which will assist medical staff to access the guideline whenever required.

I hope that these actions will provide assurance that NUH have taken appropriate steps to improve the management and safety of our patients, and to attend to the requirements of this PFD notice.

I will send you the agreed guideline as soon as it is available, or if you prefer I can send the version currently under discussion.

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information.




NUH Deputy Medical Director