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Dear Miss Kearsley

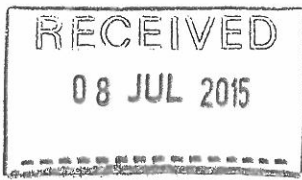
Re: John Paul McGuigan (Deceased)

Thank you for your letter of the 11th May 2015, enclosing your Regulation 28 report. At page 6, concern number 5, you have identified issues relating to Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust, in relation to information sharing and documentation.

At the time of this incident (2009) the Mentally Disordered Offenders (MDO) team across the footprint of Pennine Care all operated as separate teams, and as such had little shared policy and practice. Following the Bradley Report (2009), the MDO teams transferred into single line management and a Trust wide operational policy and approved documentation for assessment of needs and risks specific to this particular service user group, was implemented. Work has been undertaken by the MDO teams to standardise practice and protocols. This work has been led by Greater Manchester Police (GMP). The new Mentally Vulnerable Offenders Panel (MVOP) is now operational and is being implemented across all of GMP's divisions. This change on practice is an ongoing piece of work and is welcomed by the Criminal Justice Mental Health Team, as it defines the procedures particularly for the diversion panel and provides a joint mechanism for joint recording of decision making.

Clinical staff who are required to attend multi-agency meetings now have adequate time to access and assimilate pertinent information from case notes to be able to effectively contribute to the discussion and any subsequent action planning.

In addition to the above, Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust, is currently 'rolling' out a comprehensive electronic clinical record (PARIS) which will better enable practitioners to access a single source of information, to record and share information.



The Trust accepts the concerns that have been raised by you, and I hope you are assured that we have taken steps to minimise the risk of similar problems arising in the future.

Yours sincerely



Michael McCourt
Chief Executive