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Dear Mr Layton

REGULATION 28: REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS - CERITH WYN PUGH

Thank you for your report into the death of Cerith Wyn Pugh. As a result of your concerns we have issued your redacted report to the Hospital Directors (lead doctors) in each of the four acute hospitals and through them we have asked each consultant to review their practice and to ensure that consultant to consultant referrals are directly reviewed by the consultant or that the review involves proactive delegation where appropriate, and consultant supervision. Some of our services are led by a single handed consultant on a particular site and this does provide some challenges when this individual is on leave. We are actively looking at the process we need to put in place in these cases so that specialist advice can always be accessed either by an alternative consultant on site, or a similar specialist on a different site.

We have also reminded medical staff that where test requests are made on clinically justifiable grounds these should be undertaken regardless of guidance regarding repeating tests and in the event of an investigation being declined by a provider the matter must be discussed with the Consultant whose team has ordered the request.

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I hope this letter addresses the concerns that you identified in your report but if you require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Steve Moore Chief Executive