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Dear Mr Osborne,

I write in response to the Regulation 28 Report into the death of Mr Frederick Squires. I was very sorry to learn of Mr Squires' death.

You explain in your report that there is no guidance available to clinicians as to when Warfarin should be recommenced for a patient who has suffered a head injury. You subsequently have concerns that if clear guidance is not available it will lead to confusion amongst clinicians and the patient, with the result that it is commenced too soon and the patient develops a bleed, or too late and the patient suffers a stroke.

We have considered the circumstances around Mr Squires' death and the concerns you have raised.

We have a guideline on the assessment and early management of head injury (accessible from our website: [www.nice.org.uk/cg176](http://www.nice.org.uk/cg176)), which includes recommendations regarding discharging patients. However, we believe that to examine the available evidence and make specific recommendations on when to restart Warfarin would require the guideline's scope to be extended. We will consider the case for doing so, when we consider the guideline for updating in 2017.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Executive