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Dear Dr Harris,

Re: PFD report touching the death of Constance Connolly

Thank you for asking us to consider the case of Constance Connolly. We appreciate that this case raises important issues for the Royal College of Emergency Medicine. We have previously been concerned about the governance of on-going care for patients after they leave the emergency department. To this end, we have recently issued guidance to our Fellows and Members about ensuring test results are followed up in two documents, 'Management of Investigation Results in the ED' and 'Management of Radiology Results in the Emergency Department'.

While these guidelines promote good governance about investigations that have already been performed, these do not address all of the issues identified in the report. In addition, we are preparing a safety alert for September 2017, reminding Members and Fellows to ensure follow up arrangements are adequate for patients discharged from the emergency department. We are considering, through our Quality in Emergency Care Committee, whether there is a need for further guidance about on-going care for patients discharged from the emergency department.

Yours sincerely,

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