

REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS

THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:

1. [REDACTED] President, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, 5-11 Theobalds Road, WC1 8SH
2. Mr Gordon Miles, Chief Executive, Royal College of Emergency Medicine, 7-9 Bream's Buildings, Chancery Lane, London EC4A 1DT

1 CORONER

I am Andrew Harris, Senior Coroner, London Inner South jurisdiction

2 CORONER'S LEGAL POWERS

I make this report under paragraph 7, Schedule 5, Coroners and Justice Act 2009 and regulations 28 and 29 of the Coroners (Investigations) Regulations 2013.

3 INQUEST

On 16th December 2016, I opened an inquest into the death of:
Master Peter Kollar who died aged 3 ½, on 14th May 2015 at King's College Hospital (01351-15) (MM)

It was concluded on 6th June 2017. The medical cause of death was:

- 1a Multi-organ failure with pulmonary haemorrhage
 - 1b Acute liver failure
 - 1c Unidentified inborn error of metabolism
- II Viral infections

The conclusion was natural causes.

4 CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH

The child presented to A&E in a local hospital with diarrhoea and jaundice. He was diagnosed by a locum paediatric registrar with carotenemia despite his parents evidence that he disliked carrots. He was not admitted and sent home against the wishes of his parents, without a blood test or any investigation. He was not escalated for opinion by a consultant and one of the reasons was a normal Paediatric Early Warning Score (PEWS).

5 CORONER'S CONCERNS

During the course of the inquest, the evidence revealed a matter giving rise to concern that in my opinion means that there is still a risk that future deaths will occur unless action is taken. In the circumstances it is my statutory duty to report to you.

The **MATTER OF CONCERN** is as follows. -

[REDACTED] Professor of Paediatric Hepatology, Birmingham gave an expert opinion. She said that jaundice is rare in children after the neonatal period and that its seriousness was under recognised by both paediatricians and emergency doctors. She considered that, whilst it made no difference to the

