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Senior Coroner M E Hassell  
Inner North London  
Poplar Coroner's Court  
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Dear Madam

**Inquest touching upon the death of Fallon Abby**

This is a formal response to your Regulation 28 Report dated 8<sup>th</sup> August in which you set out your concerns relating to the care Miss Abby received from East London NHS Foundation Trust.

I am aware that you heard evidence at the Inquest that Miss Abby had a social worker from the Leaving Care Team. You were concerned that during Miss Abby's admission to the Ward no contact was made with the social worker and no invitation was issued for her to attend the ward round.

Miss Abby's case highlighted that there was a lack of knowledge regarding the involvement of the Leaving Care Team, with ward staff being unaware that a young adult leaving care would have an allocated social worker up until the age of 25. Therefore, whilst Miss Abby's social worker had been informed of her assessment by the psychiatric liaison team in the Emergency Department she was not contacted by ward staff, invited to the ward round of informed of her discharge from the ward.

In order to address this a number of actions will be undertaken as follows:

Firstly, the Named Professional for Safeguarding Children will ensure that Safeguarding Children Training, which is mandatory for all staff, will include information about the Leaving Care Team and their involvement with a young person up to the age of 25.

  
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The Named Professional for Safeguarding Children will also undertake some bespoke training with Ward managers and Matrons in relation to this specific issue for cascading to all ward staff.

This case and the issues highlighted will also be discussed at the regular Consultant's meeting and again cascaded to junior staff.

In addition the Operational Policy for the ward will be reviewed to include the requirement to contact the Leaving Care Team in the event of an admission of a young person who has previously been in care. Once the Leaving Care Team has been informed of an admission staff will work with the young person to negotiate the involvement of their social worker.

With the changes planned I hope you will be content that the Trust has taken these issues seriously and adequately addressed your concerns.

If you do require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



**Deputy Medical Director**  
**For and on behalf of**  
**Acting Chief Medical Officer**



Chief Executive: Dr Navina Evans