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Dear Mr Shah

REGULATION 28 REPORT – ACTION TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS: PAMELA KEECH

I am writing further to your Regulation 28 report to prevent future deaths which you issued following the inquest into the death of Pamela Keech.

You state that your opinion is that action should be taken to prevent future deaths and believe that the JRCALC organisation has the power to take such action.

I wish to inform you that JRCALC are not responsible for setting the health education requirements for paramedics and therefore the full response to this PFD will be sent separately to you from the Association of Ambulance Chief Executives (AACE) and its clinical advisors the National Ambulance Service Medical Directors (NASMeD).

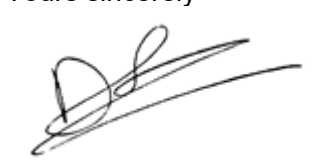
JRCALC is a group of specialty experts and its role is to provide robust clinical specialty advice on the instruction of the AACE and its advisors NASMeD.

AACE is a formally constituted private company wholly owned by the English Ambulance NHS Trusts who are all full voting members. It exists to provide ambulance services with a central organisation that supports, coordinates and implements nationally agreed policy. Its primary focus is the ongoing development of the English ambulance services and the improvement of patient care. It is a company owned by NHS organisations and it wholly owns the intellectual property rights of the JRCALC UK ambulance service clinical practice guidelines.

The responsibility for standards of clinical care within Ambulance Trusts rests with the Chief Executives and Medical Directors of each ambulance service. On behalf of AACE, NASMeD provide appropriate assurance and lead the development of future versions of the clinical guidelines.

I hope this clarifies JRCALC's support role to AACE and NASMeD. Please let me know if I am able to provide any further information.

Yours sincerely



JRCALC Chairman