



NHS Foundation Trust

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Dear Mr Barlow,

Master Edward (Eddie) Joyce(RIP) - Inquest 4 May 2018

The Trust is in receipt of the Regulation 28: Report to Prevent Futures Deaths notice (PFD) made by you on 9 May 2018 and issued to the Trust and to General Practitioner,

Further to our earlier correspondence and your clarification of 26 July I can confirm the following as the Trust's response which focuses issues identified as directly of concern to the Trust.

It is the Trust's understanding that the evidence from Nurse explained the action that would have been taken if a spike in temperature was mentioned during the relevant telephone call but there was no suggestion that a spike in temperature was mentioned and not recorded / acted on.

With regard to the national information leaflet, it does set out the warning signs to look out for in a child who has sustained a burns injury and is developing sepsis or Toxic Shock Syndrome (TSS); I can confirm that the existing leaflet contains nationally accepted advice in attending to burns injuries in children. It also contains the correct symptoms (red flags) and the correct advice as to what parents ought to do if concerned, including where to seek further treatment and advice. We have also alerted the Paediatric Burns Network to your advice so that any improvements can be made more widely. We would also like to reassure you that our burns unit can already be contacted by telephone 24 hours every day.

I would also like to clarify on behalf of the Trust the PFD notice states at concern (3) that the 'evidence was that scalding injuries amongst children are very common but that Toxic Shock Syndrome (TSS) is very rare' however we respectfully submit that was clear in her evidence that TSS is very common with approximately one child per day on the ward being monitored for suspected TSS.

I hope that this response addresses the concerns raised but please do not hesitate to contact me directly if there is any further information that you require at this stage.

Yours sincerely

Chief Nurse

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