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Walthamstow Coroner's Court
Queens Road, Walthamstow, E17 8QP

By email: 

Dear Mr. Irvine,

Regulation 28 Report, March 12, 2020, REF: 

I write in relation to the Regulation 28 Report to Prevent Future Deaths dated March 12, 2020, REF: , issued by the Walthamstow Coroner's Court (the "Report").

Please be advised that Physio-Control was acquired in 2016 by Stryker Corporation, and that the LP15 device is distributed in the UK by Stryker UK Ltd ("Stryker"). Accordingly, this response is made by Stryker on behalf of Physio-Control UK Ltd.

A copy of the Report was sent to Stryker's Newbury offices, however, it was not provided to me until after the response deadline of May 7, 2020. This delay was in part caused by reduced onsite staffing measures taken by Stryker to ensure the safety of its employees during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. We regret this delay, and the corresponding delay in our substantive response to the matters raised in the Report.

In part, the Report concludes that "If the LP15 defaulted to automatic mode or on start-up required, the choice of manual or automatic mode it is possible that such delays could be avoided."

After consultation with the manufacturer of the LP15 device, I can advise that the LP15 monitor/defibrillator is designed with the ability to be configured to power on in either automatic or manual defibrillation mode based on the clinical protocols of the health system. Accordingly, I respectfully submit that the Coroner's Concerns listed at Section 5 of the Report do not accurately reflect the capabilities of the LP15 device.

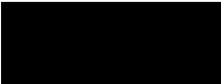
Stryker requests that appropriate adjustments be made to both paragraph 4 (commencing "This is not an isolated incident,...") and paragraph 7 (commencing "If the LP15...") to accurately reflect that the LP15 device can be configured to power on in either automatic or manual defibrillation mode based on the clinical protocols of the health system using the device.

Due to the existing capability of the LP15 to be configured to power on in either automatic or manual defibrillation mode, Stryker does not propose to take any action in relation to the Report.

Finally, to date, Stryker has not received a copy of any responses from interested parties to the Report. Pursuant to r29 (6) of the *Coroners (Investigations) Regulations 2013*, I request that a copy of any responses received to the Report be provided to me using the contact details above (email preferred).

Should you have any questions in relation to this letter, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,


Stryker UK & Ireland