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Sent via email: [REDACTED]

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Dear Mr Morris,

I write in response to your regulation 28 report of 7 September 2021 regarding the death of Maureen Johnson. I would like to express my sincere condolences to her family.

In your report you state that 'authoritative guidance does not currently exist as to the assessment of diarrhoea and vomiting suspected to be caused by gastroenteritis in the over 70s, as has previously been published in respect of children and infants younger than 5.'

While it is correct that we have not published a clinical guideline on gastroenteritis in adults, or children over the age of 5, there is a Clinical Knowledge Summary on [gastroenteritis](#) which we believe gives appropriate advice on the assessment of people who are suspected to have gastroenteritis, including questions that healthcare professionals should ask, the need to examine the person, the risk of dehydration, and symptoms to be aware of.

While they do not constitute formal NICE guidance, we commission Clarity Informatics to develop the summaries, and make them available as a source of information for health professionals.

As such, we do not believe that any action is required of NICE.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief executive